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HISTORY
OF
ASHBURNHAM
MASSACHUSETTS
FROM
THE GRANT OF DORCHESTER CANADA
TO
THE PRESENT TIME, 1734—1886
WITH A
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OF
ASHBURNHAM FAMILIES

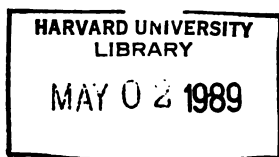
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Author of the History of Rindge, N. H.

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"Whatever strengthens our local attachments is favorable both to individual and national character. Show me a man who cares no more for one place than another, and I will show you in that same person one who loves nothing but himself."

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CHAPTER XXII.

MORTUARY RECORDS.

THE EARLY BURIALS. — DEATH OF MR. HASKELL. — GERMANS BURIED ELSEWHERE. — THE OLD AND THE NEW CEMETERIES. — SUICIDES. — ACCIDENT DEATHS. — RECORD OF DEATHS OF AGED PERSONS. — LIST OF AGED PERSONS NOW LIVING IN ASHBURNHAM.

THE CHURCHYARD. — The proprietors of Dorchester Canada reserved ten acres on "the hill with a very fine prospect" for a common and a cemetery. In this measure they found many precedents in the proceedings of the old towns. Yet seldom was a site selected with equal unanimity of sentiment or at an earlier date in the progress of a settlement. It was presumed that the common set apart in 1758 was to include a burying-ground, and the dead were buried in the northwest portion of it without the intervention or permission of the authorities. In 1760 the proprietors gave Mr. Winchester permission to occupy and improve the whole square, "provided he doth not obstruct nor hinder the burying of the dead; the burying-place being in that lot." With the exception of this incidental reference, it was many years before the proprietors, or the town by any official act, recognized the existence of a cemetery within the township. It was unnecessary. It was an edict of the age more potent than any formal proceeding, that the dead should repose beneath the shadow of the meeting-house.

It is safe to consider the cemetery coeval with the common and that both were established by a single proceeding. Th

name of the occupant of the first grave and the date of the burial are not recorded, but we have the statement of Mr. Cushing that a Mr. Haskell from Lancaster was accidentally shot in this town, and that an aged woman was drowned and both buried in the old cemetery at an early date. Mr. Winchester was buried 1767, and Mr. Cushing was of the opinion that no other grown persons had been buried here at the time of his settlement. The family registers record the death of several children previous to that date, but do not present any evidence of the death of any additional adults.

A few of the Germans who died in the early history of the town were buried near the school-house in the second district and there are two family burial-grounds, but the vast congregation of the dead are sleeping in the old church-yard or in the new cemetery.

From the first the original burying-ground has remained under the control of the town and frequent votes for the repair of the fences and the removal of stone and brush attest a reasonable stewardship of a sacred trust. As in other ancient cemeteries, which were not allotted at the beginning, the ties of kindred and family associations are the only suggestion of an orderly arrangement, while the varied sculpture and inscription assert the age of the several memorials. The crowded condition and irregular arrangement of the graves admit of little future adornment, but the yard will not be neglected. Here repose the remains of the early settlers and of many of the fathers and mothers who have succeeded them. The ground is hallowed. Pious care will renew the fading inscriptions and repair the waste of time as long as good works and well-ordered lives command the dutiful reverence of mankind.

The new cemetery, controlled by an association, was opened 1858. Eight years later an additional tract of land

was joined to the original purchase. The present area is six and five-eighths acres. The association has made liberal expenditure in opening avenues and in improving the natural surface of the ground. Lots have been sold at a reasonable price and in number sufficient to leave the association free of debt. The remains of many have been removed from the old cemetery and nearly all who have died in this town for the past twenty-five years have been buried here. The cemetery is conveniently located and pleasantly situated, and it contains many chaste and substantial work of monumental art.

MORTUARY RECORD. — The altitude and excellent drainage of the town have been conducive to health and longevity. Malarial disease and seasons of prevailing sickness have been of rare occurrence. Previous to 1768 no complete record of deaths has been found, but the number was small. The hardy settlers were in the prime and strength of manhood. The feeble and the aged did not come hither in the early progress of the settlement.

From his ordination until his death, Mr. Cushing made an accurate record of deaths in this town, and from 1839 until the present time, the town record of deaths is complete. A record kept a few years by Doddridge Cushing and one by Rev. George Perkins are continuous from 1823 until 1835. The remaining time from 1835 to 1839 is supplied from partial entries by the town clerk and from records of the sexton. It is believed that the following aggregate is approximately correct.

NUMBER OF DEATHS IN THE TOWN OF ASHBURNHAM FROM 1736 TO JANUARY 1, 1800.

Previous to January 1, 1770	8
From January, 1770, to January, 1780	74
“ “ 1780, “ 1790	92
“ “ 1790, “ 1800	105

From January, 1800, to January, 1810	101
“ “ 1810, “ 1820	118
“ “ 1820, “ 1830	156
“ “ 1830, “ 1840	228
“ “ 1840, “ 1850	342
“ “ 1850, “ 1860	298
“ “ 1860, “ 1870	438
“ “ 1870, “ 1880	398
“ “ 1880, “ 1886	218
Total	2576

It is probable there were more than eight deaths in the first period of time, but the number was certainly small and greater accuracy would not materially affect the aggregate. In 1769 and 1772 there were only two deaths each year, and only six in either of the years 1811 and 1812. The canker rash prevailed in 1794 and the number of deaths was twenty, a number not exceeded until 1823. In 1848 consumption and dysentery swell the register to sixty-three. The greatest number of deaths in any year was sixty-six in 1863 when diphtheria made desolate many homes. The smallest number within the past forty years was twenty-three in 1851, and the average for the past ten years has been thirty-seven. Since 1800 the average annual death rate has been $15\frac{1}{2}$ for each 1000 of population. The aggregate number of deaths since the settlement of the town equalled the population of the town for the first time in 1874, and since that date the congregation of the dead has exceeded the number of the living.

SUICIDES. — There was a time when the suicide was denied the rites of Christian burial and his memory was a reproach to his kindred. Perhaps in every instance, certainly in nearly all, the taint of insanity has been manifested in the families in which self-destruction has occurred. With the

gift of life, Infinite Wisdom bestows an instinct of self preservation. Intuitively life shrinks from danger and is swift in the defence of its existence. While reason hold it sway over the minds of men, it is attended by a living impulse of self-protection. The number who have fallen by the cruelty of their own hands is fourteen.

- 1812. May 24. Alice Stearns, daughter of Isaac Stearns, aged 15 years.
- 1815. Feb. 14. Ezra Hastings, aged 43 years.
- 1816. Aug. 22. Mary (Winship) Brooks, wife of Jonathan Brooks, age about 45 years.
- 1817. June 11. Samuel Wilder, son of Caleb Wilder, aged 15 years.
- 1820. June 14. Sarah (Whitney) Wilder, wife of Caleb Wilder, aged 3 years.
- 1825. June 24. Elias Blodget, aged 42 years.
- 1854. May 3. Levi Corey, aged 47 years.
- 1854. Nov. 26. Jonas Rice, aged 62 years.
- 1856. Nov. 4. Catherine Brown, wife of George Brown, aged 43 years.
- 1862. April 19. John W. Wallace, aged 53 years.
- 1862. June 29. Miss Jerusha Dunham, aged 43 years.
- 1869. June 3. John Cain, aged 43 years.
- 1873. Nov. 25. Francis Sackett, aged 55 years.
- 1876. May 27. August Jagedynsky, aged 41 years.

DEATHS BY ACCIDENT. — While there is no statement in this paragraph not sustained by some authentic record, it is believed that the following list of casualties is substantially complete. The death of Mr. Haskell, who was accidentally shot, and of the aged woman who was drowned, have been mentioned in another connection.

- 1775. Jan. 3. Samuel Stone, aged 24 years. Left his home December 30, was bewildered in a violent storm and was not found and brought home until January 2.
- 1776. Feb. 8. Sarah Phelps Russell, infant daughter of Moses Russell, "burned to death;" aged 7 months.

1795. Aug. 9. Azubah Gibbs, infant daughter of Joseph Gibbs, scalded; aged 18 months.
1804. March 8. John Shaw, aged about 55. Found dead on the snow; "having lost his way and no doubt greatly fatigued, he laid down and died."
1814. March 8. Jacob Constantine, aged 61. "In consequence of his horse going off a high bridge in Ashby." The accident occurred March 4; he lived four days. "He fell eleven feet and eight inches. His wife was with him in the sleigh but not seriously injured."
1815. Aug. 12. Betsey Corey, daughter of Stephen Corey, drowned in a tan vat; aged 4 years.
1816. March 25. Caleb Wilder drowned while temporarily absent in Douglas; aged 75 years. He was a brother of Samuel Wilder, Esq. He had been insane several years.
1819. March 28. Nancy Rice, daughter of Levi Rice, aged 3 years, "scalded by a swallow of hot tea; she lived about seven hours."
1823. March 11. Edwin Eaton, aged about 18 years. "His death was occasioned by a part of a head of herds-grass being taken into the wind-pipe."
1824. July 21. Beulah Mossman, daughter of Matthias Mossman, aged 44 years. Thrown from a carriage in Fitchburg.
1825. — Oliver Marble, aged 69 years; drowned in Lyndeboro, N. H.
1825. Sept. 1. Ebenezer Jones, aged 36 years.
1825. Sept. 1. Jonathan Wood, aged 52 years.

These men were suffocated in a well.

The house of Mr. Jones was burned. After the fire he descended the well to recover a bucket. The only persons

near by at the time were a boy and Mr. Wood, a neighbor. Mr. Wood heard Mr. Jones fall into the water, and in going to his relief he also fell. An alarm was given by the bell and after several hours the bodies were recovered.

1828. Aug. 8. A son of Rev. Thomas Skelton, aged 7 years. He fell upon the ground and received fatal wound from a small stub which entered his side.
1829. March 20. Joseph Gibbs, aged 78, was killed by a falling tree.
1835. Sept. 5. William Locke, aged 37 years, fell from pear tree, near the house now of Nahum Wood.
1837. April 10. Levi Warren Wetherbee, son of Josiah Wetherbee, of Rindge, aged 17 years. Killed in the mill of Eliphalet Eddy, now of Robert W. McIntire.
1839. July 18. William Gipson, aged about 50 years, was killed instantly by a falling tree.
1847. June 10. Austin Whitney, aged 15 years, son of Merick Whitney, drowned in a small pond near the Poor Farm.
1850. May 30. George Eaton, aged 25 years, killed on railroad.
1852. July 22. William Whitney, aged 67; killed by a coal
1857. Aug. 8. Elliot Ward, aged 17 years, son of Benjamin Ward, drowned in Ward pond.
1858. Aug. 29. Patrick Collecten, aged 35, killed by accidental discharge of a gun.
1859. May 8. John Wilson, aged 80, by a fall from a building.
1860. Sept. 13. Col. Enoch Whitmore died from injuries received from a block of wood thrown from a saw in his mill. Aged 64 years.

1861. Oct. 8. Amos K. Avery, aged 30, died from injuries received from a block thrown from a saw in Winchester's chair shop.
1861. Nov. 17. William D. Stearns, aged 33 years, from wounds received by accidental discharge of a gun.
1863. June 4. Frank A. Day, aged 7 years, son of John B. Day, kicked by a horse.
1867. Feb. 25. Bradford Britton, aged 48 years, killed in the mill of Horace W. Houston.
1868. Sept. 12. Mary E. Wood, aged 13 years, killed by an accidental discharge of a gun. She was a visitor in the family of George Howard.
1871. Sept. 1. Paul Sibley, aged 35 years, killed by an earth slide while repairing the dam or bridge above the chair factory in the Central village.
1873. May 16. Mrs. Sarah (Mower) Jewell, widow of Dexter Jewell, aged 65 years. Fracture of skull by being thrown from a carriage.
1876. May 19. Mary and Sarah Riley were drowned while visiting at Fall River.
1877. Sept. 2. Oscar M. Lane, aged 26 years, killed on railroad.
1877. Dec. 9. Reuben H. Lawrence, aged 33 years. Brakeman on Fitchburg R. R., was thrown from a train and instantly killed.
1879. March 31. Josiah Thomas, colored, aged 57 years, perished while riding to his home in North Ashburnham over a winter road across "Stearns' Meadow." His horse also perished in the cold and storm.
1883. Sept. 2. Hosea D. Wallace, aged 47 years, was killed by a passing train at a railroad crossing in Nashua. In the carriage was another man who was also killed.

1884. May 13. Willie H. Raymond, aged 18 years, son of Henry M. Raymond, and Frank R. Hoar aged 17 years, son of John Hoar, were drowned in Lake Naukeag. The bodies were recovered the following day.

LONGEVITY.—In proportion to the population, a large number of the inhabitants of Ashburnham have lived to an advanced age. The following record of the deaths of persons, eighty or more years of age, includes none who were not residents of this town, although a few died in other places while temporarily residing with their kindred.

DATE OF DEATH.		AGE
Jan. 15, 1778	Mr. Tyler	8
Jan. 19, 1779	Widow Davis	8
Jan. 2, 1783	John Oberlock	8
Oct. 24, 1784	Ebenezer Conant	8
July 9, 1785	Mrs. Coddington	8
Oct. 17, 1785	Dea. Moses Foster	9
March 8, 1788	Abigail Willard, widow of Henry Willard	8
March 20, 1789	Widow Rebecca Davis	8
Nov. 9, 1789	Ephraim Stone	8
May 3, 1790	Mrs. Bush	9
Oct. 14, 1794	Henry Hall	8
Nov. 28, 1794	Widow Gates	about 8
Nov. 19, 1797	Ruth (Pierce) Conant, widow of Ebenezer Conant	8
Feb. 20, 1798	Lydia Brooks, widow of Amos Brooks	8
March 26, 1802	Elizabeth (Sanders) Adams, wife of Thomas Adams	-
Nov. 9, 1802	Thomas Adams	8
March 16, 1803	Sarah (Prentice) Brigham, widow of Colonel Timothy Brigham, formerly of Southboro'	8
April 20, 1805	Joseph Whitmore	8
July 10, 1805	Mary (Marion) Whitmore, widow of Joseph Whitmore	8
Aug. 29, 1807	Elisha Coolidge	8
Sept. 11, 1807	Sarah Salter, widow of Samuel Salter	8
May 7, 1809	Elizabeth Haven, widow of Jonathan Haven	8
Dec. 21, 1811	Mary (Jones) Taylor, wife of Jonathan Taylor	8
March 21, 1812	Hannah (Barron) Spaulding, widow of James Spaulding	8

DATE OF DEATH.	AGE.
Oct. 21, 1813	Jonathan Taylor 84
Oct. 23, 1813	Simon Rodamel 93
March 14, 1814	Mary Winter, widow of Andrew Winter 91
Jan. 13, 1886	Peter Hunt 86
June 2, 1816	Miss Merriam 86
Nov. 3, 1816	Jacob Wilker 85
Feb. 20, 1817	Widow Hannah Shaw about 83
Oct. 23, 1818	Hezekiah Corey 82
Oct. 22, 1821	Joseph Steele 85
Dec. 31, 1822	Jesse Ellis 80
Dec. 17, 1823	Susannah (Allen) Rice, widow of Zebulon Rice . . . 91
Nov. 29, 1824	Sarah (Leighton) Hunt, widow of Peter Hunt . . . 93
Dec. 29, 1824	Enos Jones 83
March 12, 1825	Sarah (Parkman) Cushing, widow of Rev. John Cushing 82
March 2, 1826	Joshua Smith, Esq. 81
Sept. 13, 1827	Susan Franklin (colored) 90
Nov. 9, 1827	Isaac Brooks —
Feb. 27, 1828	Hannah Whitcomb) Pollard, widow of William Pollard 90
Jan. 1, 1829	Joseph Burgess 84
Sept. 11, 1830	Widow Burgess 88
Sept. 16, 1830	Amos Davis 80
Feb. 7, 1831	Moses Tottingham 84
Feb. 11, 1831	Miriam (Hill) Ellis, widow of Jesse Ellis 80
March 22, 1831	Rebecca (Foster) Ward, widow of Caleb Ward . . . 81
Dec. — 1832	Rhoda (Randall) Willard, widow of Jacob Willard . —
Aug. 12, 1833	Solomon Manning 80
May 15, 1834	Oliver Green 81
May 18, 1834	Persis Blodgett 80
July 15, 1834	John Hall 81
Oct. 23, 1834	Dr. Abraham Lowe 80
Nov. 20, 1834	Sarah (Willard) Willard, widow of Dea. John Willard 88
April 10, 1836	Mr. Reed —
April 26, 1836	Jonas Rice 82
Oct. 17, 1836	Hannah (Adams) Jones, widow of Enos Jones . . . 93
— — 1837	Persis (Whitmore) Winchester, widow of Jonathan Winchester 82
March 22, 1837	Reuben Rice 80
Oct. 31, 1839	Susanna Woods) Foster, widow of Samuel Foster . 89
Sept. 22, 1840	Lemuel Stimson 82
Aug. 30, 1840	Rebecca (Foster) Whitmore, wife of Isaac Whitmore 80
June 11, 1841	Thomas Gibson 86
June 23, 1841	Eunice (Brooks) Metcalf, widow of Ezekiel S. Metcalf 82

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June 27, 1841	Olive Manning, widow of Solomon Manning . . . 8
July 5, 1841	David Clark 8
Jan. 12, 1842	David Wallis 8
May 1, 1842	Susannah (Todd) Stowell, widow of John Stowell . 8
Sept. 21, 1842	Miss Rachel Gates 8
Nov. 8, 1842	Mary (Proctor) Sanderson, widow of Moses Sanderson 8
March 20, 1843	Tamezin (Felton) Benjamin, widow of Daniel Benjamin 8
April 14, 1843	Joshua Fletcher 8
May 29, 1843	Susannah Hobart, widow of Shebuel Hobart . . . 8
July 29, 1843	Widow Taylor 8
Nov. 1, 1843	Timothy Crehore 8
Dec. 23, 1843	Jabez Marble 8
Jan. 14, 1844	Keziah (Wesson) Hobart, widow of Daniel Hobart . 9
March 25, 1844	Copia (Rice) Ward, widow of John Ward . . . 9
Feb. 20, 1845	Dorothy (Hildreth) Green, widow of Oliver Green . 8
Dec. 22, 1845	Mary Salter) Marble, widow of Jabez Marble . . 8
March 26, 1846	Deborah (Hunt) White, widow of Elisha White . . 8
May 3, 1846	Joseph Jewett, Esq. 8
July 22, 1846	Zilpah (Townsend) Rice, widow of Jonas Rice . . 8
Oct. 22, 1846	John Bowman 8
Nov. 2, 1846	Dorothy (Garfield) Hunt, widow of Sherebiah Hunt . 8
Dec. 3, 1846	William Ward 9
Dec. 9, 1846	Jonathan Samson 8
March 20, 1847	Margaret (Metcalf) Townsend, widow of Reuben Townsend 8
May 2, 1847	Isaac Whitmore 9
Dec. 27, 1847	Phebe (Wright) Hawkes, widow of Benjamin Hawkes 8
April 4, 1849	Joseph Merriam 8
Oct. 20, 1849	Relief Gibson, widow of Thomas Gibson 8
July 30, 1850	Susannah (Rice) Samson, widow of Jonathan Samson 9
Nov. 28, 1850	Charles Hastings 9
Feb. 2, 1851	George R. Cushing, Esq. 8
April 29, 1851	Martha (Maynard) Crosby widow of Frederick Crosby 8
Oct. 25, 1851	Nathan Taylor 8
Feb. 23, 1852	Sarah (Woods) Jewett, widow of Joseph Jewett, Esq. 8
March 25, 1852	Deborah (Chittenden) Barrell, wife of William Barrell 8
June 18, 1852	Cyrus Fairbanks 10
Jan. 17, 1853	Edmund Jones 8
July 20, 1854	Simon Willard 8
Aug. 12, 1854	Margaret (Adams) Russell, widow of Thomas Russell 8
June 14, 1855	Silas Willard, Esq. 8

DATE OF DEATH.		AGE.
Jan. 13, 1856	Hepsebeth (Smith) Pierce, widow of Amos Pierce . .	94
Jan. 27, 1856	William Gates	80
June 6, 1856	Achsah (Pollard) Bemis, widow of Stephen Bemis .	85
Nov. 9, 1857	Sally Angier	89
May 8, 1859	John Wilson	80
Nov. 4, 1859	Eliakim Russell	89
Jan. 29, 1860	Nancy (Cotting) Willard, widow of Simon Willard .	90
Feb. 23, 1860	Jonas Corey	84
Aug. 14, 1860	William Barrell	84
April 5, 1861	Elizabeth (Cotting) Brooks, widow of Jacob Brooks .	84
Nov. 8, 1861	Thomas Howard	82
Feb. 18, 1862	Elizabeth (Griffin) Lawrence, widow of Dea. Wm. J. Lawrence	87
Sept. 8, 1862	Dr. Nathaniel Pierce	83
June 21, 1863	Sarah Converse) Russell, widow of Eliakim Russell .	87
April 14, 1863	Lois (Billings) Burgess, widow of Joseph F. Burgess	85
Sept. 18, 1863	Polly Brood	84
Sept. 5, 1864	Sarah Gilbert	82
Aug. 2, 1864	Jonas Davis	83
April 15, 1865	Anna Howard	80
June 10, 1865	Daniel Benjamin	82
Jan. 12, 1866	Doddridge Cushing	86
Jan. 12, 1866	Sally (Lane) Kibling, widow of John Kibling . .	82
Dec. 11, 1867	Lucy (Townsend) Corey, widow of Hezekiah Corey .	99
Dec. 15, 1867	Esther Aldrich	84
May 16, 1868	Samuel Keyes	83
Aug. 4, 1868	Jesse Holbrook	63
Sept. 22, 1868	Walter Russell Adams	85
Nov. 18, 1868	Joanna (Adams) Corey, widow of Stephen Corey . .	93
Feb. 15, 1869	Lucy (Cotting) Davis, widow of Josiah Davis . .	84
Dec. 2, 1869	Jonathan Samson	82
March 30, 1870	Ohio Whitney	81
May 14, 1870	Ellen Corcoran	80
June 20, 1870	Moses Stowell	80
July 17, 1870	Jesse Ellis	81
Oct. 24, 1870	Jonathan Winchester	83
Nov. 14, 1870	Hannah (Wilder) Howard, widow of Thomas Howard	87
Oct. 24, 1871	Josiah White	89
June 12, 1871	Mary (Cushing) Rand, wife of Rev. Asa Rand . .	89
Aug. 18, 1871	Sarah (Billings) McIntire, widow of Daniel McIntire	85
Aug. 24, 1871	Rev. Asa Rand	88
Oct. 21, 1871	John Caldwell	89

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DATE OF DEATH.	AGE
March 29, 1872	John Thompson
April 1, 1872	Samuel Brooks
July 22, 1872	Stephen Cushing
Aug. 12, 1872	Mary (Reed) Eaton, widow of Josiah Eaton
Aug. 22, 1872	Betsey Hosley
Dec. 2, 1872	William Richardson
Jan. 3, 1873	Rhoda (Marble) Taylor, widow of Nathan Taylor
Feb. 24, 1873	Persis (Winchester) Hemenway
March 24, 1873	Lucy (Lane) Jones, widow of John Jones
Oct. 11, 1873	Eliab Knapp
Oct. 11, 1873	Dolly (Samson) Gipson, widow of Henry Gipson
March 8, 1874	Elijah Brooks
April 9, 1874	Nancy Clark
Aug. 14, 1875	Hannah (Marble) Miller, widow of Joseph Miller
Aug. 14, 1875	Lydia (Stineker) Davis, wife of Adam Davis
March 21, 1876	Samuel Randall
Feb. 5, 1877	Eliza Thompson
March 5, 1877	Pitt Moore
March 12, 1877	Charlotte (Lowe) Goodwin, widow of David Goodwin
April 27, 1877	Mary Brigham Herrick, widow of Zimri Herrick
July 9, 1877	Sally (Chesmore) Stowell, widow of Moses Stowell
Aug. 18, 1877	Lucretia (Wilkins) Caldwell, widow of John Caldwell
Sept. 22, 1877	Betsey (Haven) Ward, widow of Nathaniel D. Ward
April 2, 1878	Elisha Crosby
May 11, 1878	Widow Ruth (Bowen) Paine
May 27, 1878	Elizabeth Atwell
Feb. 23, 1879	John Murray
Aug. 25, 1879	John Hastings
Oct. 29, 1879	Anna (Hastings) Sawtell, widow of Asa Sawtell
April 29, 1880	Philip Russell Merriam
July 8, 1880	Joshua Stowell
Oct. 18, 1880	Benjamin Lane
Nov. 26, 1880	Asa Tottingham
April 1, 1881	Elvira (Willard) Crosby, wife of Rev. Josiah D. Crosby
May 12, 1881	Adam Davis
May 29, 1881	Silas Ward
Nov. 3, 1881	Emma (Willard) Skelton, widow of Rev. Thomas Skelton, died in Boston
June 13, 1882	Priscilla (Earle) Watkins, widow of Jehiel Watkins
Aug. 2, 1882	Lydia A. (Cowdin) Howard, widow of Wm. H. Howard
Oct. 20, 1882	Gamaliel Hadley
Nov. 18, 1882	Antipas Maynard

DATE OF DEATH.	AGE.
Nov. 22, 1882	Miss Dorothy Hunt 85
Feb. 9, 1883	Nancy W. Bruce 86
Feb. 13, 1883	Visa (Clark) Pierce, widow of Dr. Nathaniel Pierce . 92
April 9, 1883	Abel Sawyer 84
June 19, 1883	Dea. John Cushing Davis 82
July 18, 1883	Eliza (Adams) Stearns, widow of Timothy Stearns . 86
Aug. 29, 1883	Anna (Sawyer) Rice, widow of Levi Rice 92
Oct. 17, 1883	Phebe Peterson 80
Jan. 19, 1884	Angelina Lashua (Canadian) 90
March 7, 1884	Edward Sawyer 80
June 18, 1884	Hannah Wetherbee 91
June 26, 1884	Ivers White 80
Aug. 12, 1884	Sarah H. Warren 92
Dec. 23, 1884	Sally (Bell) Newton, widow of Giles Newton . . . 87
Feb. 22, 1885	Daniels Ellis 85
Feb. 22, 1885	Joshua B. Burgess 84
June 8, 1885	Col. Charles Barrett 97
Sept. 2, 1885	Edward Smith 82
Oct. 26, 1885	Martha T. (Knight) Hadley, widow of Gamaliel Hadley 84

The following persons, eighty or more years of age, were residing in Ashburnham January 1, 1886:

Miss Charlotte Davis, daughter of Ebenezer Bennett Davis, born June 11, 1797; Hosea Green born September 22, 1797; Miss Ruth Hunt, daughter of Deacon Sherebiah Hunt, born June 3, 1799; Lucy (Stimson) Davis, widow of Deacon John C. Davis, born August 20, 1799; Melinda (Bolles) Hastings, widow of John Hastings, born February 16, 1800; Charles Hastings born June 16, 1800; Clarissa (Willard) Whitmore, widow of Colonel Enoch Whitmore, born June 30, 1800; Rebecca (Green) Green, wife of Hosea Green, born March 5, 1801; Rebecca (Robbins) Stearns, widow of Charles Stearns, Esq., born February 9, 1802; Phebe (Danforth) Taylor, widow of Elijah Taylor, born February 9, 1802; George A. Willard born February 28, 1803; Harvey M. Bancroft born May 1, 1803; Louisa

(Kinsman) Sheldon, widow of Flint Sheldon, born May 2, 1803; Betsey (Bly) White, widow of Josiah White, born August 27, 1803; William Bartlett born January 31, 1804; Zoa A. (Lawrence) White, widow of Ivers White, born April 21, 1804; Nathan Taylor born May 11, 1804; Luc (Kinsman) Wilder, wife of Jonathan P. Wilder, born September 4, 1804; Silas Willard born December 8, 1804; Jonathan P. Wilder born February 19, 1805; Betsey M (Glazier) Bancroft, wife of Harvey M. Bancroft, born November 17, 1805; Margaret Nash, widow of John Nash born December 28, 1805.

CHAPTER XXIII.

GLEANINGS.

A PRESENT TO REV. JOHN CUSHING. — SEATING THE MEETING-HOUSE. — MINOR TOPICS. — A NEW TOWN PROPOSED. — A NEW NAME SUGGESTED FOR ASHBURNHAM. — A WAR CLOUD. — SICKNESS. — A SEVERE WINTER. — A VARIETY. — THE GREAT GALE. — THE FIRST FIRE ENGINE. — TEMPERANCE. — MILLERITES. — THE GREAT FRESHET. — MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS.

CONSPICUOUS in the life of an individual or in the history of a community will appear many incidents which form no part of a connected narrative, and in such isolated events, frequently, are discerned vivid pictures of the manners and customs of the times. In this chapter will be found many threads and fragments that refused to weave into the fabric of the preceding chapters, yet some of the facts here collected are of interest. The modest gleanings of the Moabitish maiden contained as good wheat as was garnered in the fatter sheaves of the reapers, and in these unpretentious gleanings are found suggestions of the habits and surroundings of our fathers. A few of the incidents here recited, from 1780 to 1800, are copied from the journal of Isaac Stearns. They are given in his own language and his name is appended to each extract. The numerous votes of the town on a variety of subjects are copied from the records.

1769. The town presented Rev. John Cushing two and a half acres from the east side of the common. This was one-fourth of the area reserved for public purposes. This record

accounts for the fact that the common is longer from north to south than from east to west.

1771. This year the town chose Deacon Fellow Ephraim Stone and Samuel Wilder "to seat the meeting-house according to age and pay; the fore seats by age and the rest by pay." The following year Samuel Wilder, William Whitcomb and John Willard were selected to perform this delicate duty. The custom of assigning a seat in the meeting-house to each family was universal at this time. In many towns the committees were instructed to take into account the character and standing of the man as well as his age and amount of taxes paid.

1776. The town "voted to buy a burying cloth and chose Samuel Wilder to get the same and offer it to the selectmen for acceptance." None of that board of selectmen were elected the following year, yet the vote might have been an honest expression to accomplish a desired and commendable purpose.

1778. The summer of this year was exceedingly dry and the labor of the husbandman was poorly repaid.

1780. The winter was one of unusual severity. The deep snow and cold weather continued late in the spring. May 19 was the memorable dark day. Here for the first time shines the light of Isaac Stearns' diary: "Friday it was extraordinary dark from nine o'clock to one and the night was as surprising." A few days later Mr. Stearns says, 'I went to father's pasture and skinned some sheep killed by the wolves.'

July 20. This day was observed as a public fast. For the first time a sexton was included in the list of town officers and one was annually chosen for many years.

Thursday, December 7. This day was observed throughout the colonies as a day of thanksgiving. Mr. Cushman

preached from the text, "Salvation belongeth unto the Lord. Thy blessing is upon thy people."

1781, April 18. "I went to chase after a bear," says Isaac Stearns. Tradition often asserts that the early settlers sometimes met a bear. In his choice of words, Mr. Stearns more clearly defines the habits of the animal.

The town for the first time legislates concerning the observance of the Sabbath in these explicit terms: "Voted that it is the town's mind to put a stop to unnecessary travelling on the Sabbath and that the town will support the officers in the execution of their office."

1782, May 2. Under this date Isaac Stearns says, "I went to help fetch in to Mr. Taylor's, Capt. Solomon Woods who was wounded by the fall of a pine and he died the following morning."

May 3. "I went to carry the corpse to Groton."

It is probable that this fatal accident occurred in New Ipswich. Thaddeus Taylor lived in the southwest corner of that town and the home of Isaac Stearns was where Edwin J. Stearns now resides. It was the custom of Mr. Cushing to record all the deaths that occurred in this town, but he makes no mention of the death of Captain Woods.

1785, April 22. "A severe snow storm—two feet of snow."—ISAAC STEARNS.

1786, May 24. "I went to the raising of Captain Francis Lane's mill."—ISAAC STEARNS.

1787, January 22. "I went to town meeting," says Isaac Stearns, and the following entry three days later announces the subject of the meeting. "I went to town to see about getting men to go against the insurgents." This refers to Shays' rebellion. There was no legal town meeting on the day named and the one referred to by Mr. Stearns was probably an informal conference of the loyal citizens.

1790. The town "voted to sell their old paper money. No record concerning the amount nor the proceeds of the sale has been found.

1791, April 15. "I went to town meeting which was called to see if the town would reconsider a former vote and set the meeting-house in the centre of the town." — ISAAC STEARNS.

This refers to an effort made by a portion of the town to secure the location of the meeting-house at some point north of the old common, and as the advocates claimed, nearer the geographical centre of the town. The town heard the petition and by a vote of 77 to 33 decided to build the new house on the old common.

June 9. "I went to a meeting at my brother's to see if we could agree for a new town taking a part of Ashburnham Rindge and New Ipswich." — ISAAC STEARNS.

This proposition was mentioned in the other towns names but early failed for want of support.

Nov. 10, Thursday. "I went to the dedication of the new meeting-house. Mr. Cushing preached from the text 'But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee: how much less this house that I have builded.'" — ISAAC STEARNS.

1794, March 3. The town, probably influenced by some prominent citizen who desired to honor Hon. Moses Gill of Princeton, "Voted to petition the General Court to have the town's name altered to the name of Gill."

The town of Gill in Franklin county was incorporated a few months previous to this vote, and no petition was ever presented to the Legislature. It is probable that the ambition of Mr. Gill was satisfied with one namesake, and that when the town heard of his contentment the matter was

suffered to rest. Happily the good substantial name of Ashburnham was preserved. This year the town "Voted that if the government does not give the soldiers forty shillings per month the town will make it up to them, provided they are called into actual service in defence of the United States."

Nearly every town in this vicinity about this date passed a vote to the same effect. The purport of these votes frequently has been misunderstood and many false inferences have been drawn from them. The vote was a sequence of the action of Congress in calling upon the several States to hold in readiness a certain proportion of the militia in the event of a war with England. Following the peace of 1783, the United States and Great Britain each incessantly complained that the other was violating the stipulations of the treaty. These complaints and the excitement produced in the public mind were rife at this time. They were quieted for a season by the ratification of the Jay treaty but were not removed until after the war of 1812.

• 1795. The records of Mr. Cushing note the prevalence of an unusual amount of sickness in 1794 and the early months of 1795. Of this season Isaac Stearns, under date of March 16, 1795, says, — "Now it is a day of trouble wish us in our neighborhood and in our town. The Lord in his righteous judgment has sent or permitted a grievous distemper to prevail. It is the rash and canker. I suppose it is the old throat distemper. It has swept off a great number in this town."

Wednesday, March 18. "I attended the funeral of Mr. Lemuel Stimson's son and Mr. Stephen Randall's child and likewise of Col. Lane's wife where I was called to be one of the bearers. These three and a child of Thomas Laws', Jun., which was his only child, and the third he had been

called to part with in six months—these four were all carried into the meeting-house at one time. A sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Cushing from Isaiah, xxv. 8: 'He will swallow up death in victory: and the Lord God will wipe away the tears from off all faces.'"

December 6. The town "Voted that Dr. Abraham Lowe be a committee to return the thanks of the town to Messrs. Willard for their generous present of a time-piece to the town." The clock presented to the town was in the old meeting-house many years, and is remembered by many now living.

1796. The town "chose Dr. Abraham Lowe, Samuel Wilder, Esq., and Col. Joseph Jewett a committee to invite a certain number of families belonging to Westminster, to join this town." These proceedings eventually resulted in the annexation to this town of the farms of John Ward and William Barrell.

1797. The selectmen, to whom the subject had been referred, "reported a recommendation that the town straighten the walls of the grave yard; make and hang two gates, each ten feet long, one at each end of the meeting-house, and cut and clear off the brush, and wall in both places where there are now bars."

1798. "Voted that Samuel Wilder, Esq., Dr. Abraham Lowe and Capt. David Cushing be a committee to remonstrate the general court against the erection of a new court house in Worcester."

Friday, May 10. "I attended the funeral of Esqr. Samuel Wilder. He died very suddenly in his bed Fast day morning May 9. Mr. Cushing preached a sermon in the meeting-house from the text, — 'Blessed is that servant whom his Lord when he cometh shall find so doing.' A great number both in the town and from a number of towns

attended the funeral. This is a great loss to the church and town for he was a serviceable man." — ISAAC STEARNS.

1799. Another winter of unusual severity lingered into the months of spring. In the annals of other towns there are many references to this season and the prevailing scarcity of forage for cattle and horses. Under date of May 15, when he had substantial reason to presume that the worst was over, Isaac Stearns says, — "Here it may be worth while to take notice of the extraordinary season through the winter and spring. The winter set in about the middle of November— we did not have any very large snow at a time, but there fell a great deal in the course of the winter. And it was remarkable for cold, here the sledding held out about five months and it is said they went into Boston by sledding eighteen weeks. The spring has been very cold and backward and snowed repeatedly and one considerable snow May 12. People then almost despaired of seed time. It has been a winter much to be remembered. A great number of cattle died in this town and elsewhere by reason of the severity of the winter and the sickness that was on them. There died out of the stock of the widow of Silas Whitney eighteen head of horned cattle."

A few days later Mr. Stearns chronicles the loss of three of his cows and soliloquizes as follows: "This is a frown in Providence. I desire to submit calmly without a murmuring thought, though it is distressing in such a family as mine to lose three good cows at this time of the year. May I be brought to set my affections less on the creatures and more on the Creator. Blessed be God who is teaching me the fading nature of earthly enjoyments."

1800, Saturday, February 22. "I went to the meeting-house to hear a eulogy on account of the death of General Washington." — ISAAC STEARNS.

Of these services Dr. Abraham T. Lowe recently gave the following account: "Washington died in December, 1799. There was a general observance of his funeral rites throughout the country. In many parts of the United States, these services were held in the subsequent February. This commemoration service of our first President, in Ashburnham, was reserved for the twenty-second of February, the anniversary of his birth. The Rev. Dr. Cushing addressed a crowded congregation, and concluded the service by reading an acrostic, presenting the name in capitals, — George Washington, — written by my father; a copy of which, having been found among papers left by my sister, I here subjoin."

"Gone? Yes, forever! Washington has fled!
Entered death's gate, and mingled with the dead;
On pinions as a dove, has winged his way,
Rising from earth to everlasting day:
Glad angels stand with harps attuned to sing,
Enter, great Chief, the glories of thy King!

"While God, benignant, from his throne above,
A welcome tenders, fraught with life and love,
Since such the mandate is, our tears we dry:
He lives again! to dwell with God on high.
Illustrious Chief! whose virtues were our guide;
Nor shall the tomb his goodness, greatness, hide, —
Great in defence of rights vouchsafed to man;
Truth, kindness, justice, through his being ran.
O tyrant Death! thou layest the highest low;
Nor fearest to startle millions at a blow."

1801. "Voted to git a good new carriage and harness for to carry corpses on and build a house for to keep the same in."

1803. "Voted not to get a cushion and trimmings for the

1804. "Voted to get a new burying cloth and that the selectmen be a committee to get the same."

1805. "Voted to cut the trees and bushes in the grave yard."

1806. "Voted to build two horse blocks at the meeting-house, one at each end."

1807. Monday, January 26. "This was supposed to be about as cold as ever was known." — ISAAC STEARNS.

1808. "Voted to get a cushion and other trimmings for the pulpit in the meeting-house."

"Voted to petition the general court to have the taking of fish in the ponds in Ashburnham regulated."

1812. This was a cold, wet summer. A snow-storm began May 24 and continued twenty-four hours.

1814. "Voted to get a new hearse and harness and that it be a four-wheeled one and that the selectmen do procure one accordingly."

1815. In September there was a remarkable gale that caused great damage in this town. A wind from the south-east of unprecedented velocity continued with slight abatement from nine to eleven o'clock in the forenoon. Fences, trees and in some localities whole forests were prostrated. Its greatest force was from Maine to New York and inland from sixty to eighty miles. The great blow of 1815 for many years was a subject of frequent remark.

1816. The summer was exceedingly wet and cold. Frost occurred every month, and from June 6 to June 11 the frosts were severe.

The public well on the common was dug this year.

1817. The town voted not to purchase a stove for the meeting-house. At several subsequent meetings a similar vote was passed. A stove was finally procured through individual effort about 1825.

This year the town "Voted that the selectmen do their duty and enforce the laws respecting tavern haunTERS."

1825. "Voted to choose two agents to each pond to put the law in force concerning fishing."

1829. A few enterprising citizens having purchased and brought to this town a fire engine, a proposition was made to sell a right in it to the town on these terms: "To see if the town will pay a part towards the Engine that is purchased provided the proprietors will give it up for the use of the inhabitants of said town." The vote was in the negative.

1830. In accordance with the requirements of a compulsory statute the town was surveyed by Enoch Whitmore and Jesse Stearns.

1832. The temperance crusade early found supporters in Ashburnham. This year the town gave warning of a determined purpose by a vote "that whenever the selectmen see or know of any person or persons, inhabitants of this town, to get drunk or intoxicated with ardent spirits to take notice of the same and to deal with them as the law in such cases has provided."

1835. A road case being under consideration the declaration of a vote in the premises was disputed. On a division of the town to make the vote certain, there were sixty-three in the affirmative and sixty-three in the negative, whereupon the town "Voted that the inhabitants form two lines on the common to determine this question." The two lines were then formed, the files counted and the advocates of the road prevailed.

1836. The town appropriated fifty dollars to procure buckets for the engine company.

1837. The town voted to excuse the engine men from the payment of a poll tax.

1838. In former years the town had refused to pay for ringing bells at noon and at nine o'clock in the evening.

This year it ordered that the two bells in the village be each rung at these hours six months at the expense of the town. The custom was continued many years.

1842. The Miller delusion caused considerable excitement and found several adherents in this town. This movement, supported more by prophecy than fulfilment, extended with unequal fervor through two or three years. It accomplished no good and frequently left its temporary adherents in an unsettled state of mind. Many characteristic incidents attended the preaching and the experience of the disciples in this town, but they are attended by no profitable or pleasing memories. Over this exhibition of human weakness and folly, charity proffers the friendly mantle of silence.

1850, May 6. The dam at Rice pond broke away and great damage ensued in the valley below. The *freshet*, as it is ever called, is a memorable event in the annals of Ashburnham. Many are now living who witnessed the anger of the deluge and surveyed the ruin wrought by the seething current. So vivid remains the picture of the scene in their memory that to them words can convey no intelligence nor fitly express the portentous character of the flood. The thought and experience of the multitude collected near the scene would fill a volume, but only the cause and the visible results are left for record. For many years previous to the freshet, a dam had been maintained at Rice pond and during the greater part of the year the water was maintained several feet above the original level of the pond. In the spring of 1850 two feet of clay soil had been placed on top of the dam without a sufficient support of stone and spiles. During the days immediately preceding the catastrophe the pond was full and was two feet higher than ever before. Sunday was a rainy day and during the night the rain fell copiously. The clouds lifted Monday morning and a high wind set in

from the northwest sweeping across the pond, and, little by little, wearing the crown of the dam with the waves. Soon a small but continuous stream flowed over the top increasing with every moment. The current plowed deeper and deeper until the dam yielded to the force of the escaping water. When the first breach was made an alarm was raised and a number of men hastened to the rescue, but they were too late and the maddened flood came dashing onward to its work of destruction.

The mighty volume of water, with anger written on the crest of every wave, swept away every dam and every bridge spanning the river between the reservoir and Fitchburg. At the Naukeag cotton mill which sturdily withstood the shock, the dam was suddenly removed and the mill was an island in the sea of foam and waves that beat and surged around its base. Baffled in a first assault, the wrathful current dashed on to an easy conquest at the tannery of Fletcher and Warren. The buildings were suddenly lifted to the summit of the waves and scattered in the fury of the flood. In its onward course the tub shop of Caldwell and Ellis protected by a pile of logs, and the grain-mill, now of Colonel George H. Barrett, were not seriously injured. Then fell the morocco shop and the furniture shop which stood near the bridge. With force unabated and with billows bristling with the trophies of conquest and huge boulders rolling along in the current or hurled to the shore and sweeping the bridge into the basin below, the flood dashed into a more capacious channel. The mills of Charles and George C. Winchester were not destroyed, but a great quantity of stock and lumber was swept away. In Factory Village the damage was renewed. The cotton factory was spared to feed the flames at a subsequent time, but the property was greatly injured. The old Dunster saw-mill

was overthrown and sad havoc was made of the morocco shop of Luther B. and Andrew J. Adams. On Mill street the chair factory, formerly of Corey, Barrett and Kibling, was undermined and fell after a sturdy resistance of the sweeping force of the first assault, and many smaller buildings were floated on the surface of the waves.

In the midst of the excitement attending the approach of the flood, George Rockwood started down the river to warn the people of the approaching danger. He swiftly rode to West Fitchburg and from that place other messengers continued the alarm. It is said that many did not heed the warning of the Ashburnham prophet, but when the hour of danger came they found ample occasion for returning grateful acknowledgments for the hour of preparation which his kindness had granted them. Beyond the limits of this town the damage was considerable, but the sweeping fury of the current was lessened in its onward progress.

A few days after the catastrophe, an informal meeting of the citizens of Ashburnham was assembled and the situation was calmly reviewed. In a summary of the losses, it was stated at this meeting that twelve dams, a chair shop, a cabinet shop, an extensive tannery, a saw-mill, a morocco shop and several store and dry houses had been swept away. The remaining buildings were injured, and for miles along the margins of the stream were large quantities of hides, cotton yarn, chair material and finished wares. At this meeting a committee, consisting of Rev. Josiah D. Crosby, Rev. Elnathan Davis, George G. Parker, Charles Stearns, George Rockwood, Colonel Enoch Whitmore and Dr. John Petts, were selected to solicit and distribute the donations of the charitable in the surrounding towns. About twelve hundred dollars was promptly collected and awarded in various sums to the most needy of the sufferers.

In connection with any reference to the flood the following report preserved among the papers of Charles Stearns, Esq preserves a semi-official account of the losses sustained. It will be observed that the report was made only four days after the disaster.

We, the subscribers, residents of Ashburnham, having been chosen by the inhabitants of said town, a committee to ascertain the amount of direct damages sustained by the different owners of mills and other property, situated upon the stream issuing from the reservoir in said town, on the sixth day of May, have attended to the business assigned us and submit the following report :

Reservoir Dam, No. 5	\$500
David R. Marshall	950
Naukeag Man'f'g Co.	2,500
Amos Taylor — Shop	100
E. L. Merrick — Machinist	75
William Rice — Machinist	100
Fletcher and Warren — Tannery	6,000
Caldwell and Ellis	550
Mr. Day — Grist-mill and Saw-mill	1,000
Wheeler's Chair Factory	1,000
C. M. Proctor — Blacksmith	600
Horace Black — Cabinet Shop	1,070
Black and Wilder	1,000
Jonathan P. Wilder	250
Winchester and Barrett	2,750
C. and G. C. Winchester	3,725
Charles Stoddard — Wheelwright	400
George Blackburn — Cotton Factory	6,000
S. Knights — Saw-mill	500
L. B. and A. J. Adams — Morocco	1,525
Ivers Adams — Stock	200
Amos Whitney — Farm	500
Samuel Brooks — Farm	250
David Whitney — Farm	100
Total	\$31,645

The committee would further state that the above estimate of losses was carefully ascertained by personal inquiry of the different owners of the property lost and that the statement as above is, as we believe, under rather than above the actual losses and damages.

EUROPE H. FAIRBANKS, }
ANTIPAS MAYNARD, } Committee.
STEPHEN A. MILLER, }

ASHBURNHAM, June 10, 1850.

With a hopeful countenance directed to the future, and with the sympathy and encouragement of the community, the dams and bridges were promptly rebuilt and a new and more substantial dam was erected at the reservoir and, except in the memory of men, all traces of the flood were soon obliterated.

1860. This year the town voted not to make an appropriation for the ringing of the bell at noon and at nine in the evening, but, missing the accustomed sound or for some other cause, the motion was reconsidered and the bell was rung as usual.

The selectmen were instructed to prosecute all violations of the liquor laws.

1861. A proposition to change the time of holding the annual town meeting to the first Monday in April was defeated.

The engine men are paid two dollars each and the abatement of poll tax. The same remuneration was allowed before and after this date.

1864. The public hay scales were purchased this year. Two years later a like convenience was established at South Ashburnham at the expense of the town.

Rev. J. D. Crosby, Reuben Townsend, Jerome W. Foster, Ohio Whitney, Jr., and George C. Winchester were chosen

to report at a future meeting concerning a centennial celebration of the incorporation of the town. On the report of this committee the town "voted to dispense with a centennial celebration *for the present.*"

1866. A committee of twenty-five was chosen to enforce the liquor laws.

1869. Following heavy rains in October great damage was done by a freshet in many parts of New England. In this town all the streams were swollen and the highway were injured to an extent unprecedented in the history of the town. The greatest damage occurred in South Ashburnham where the freshet was augmented by the breakage of the dam at the mill on the site of the chair factories of Wilbur F. Whitney. All the dams on that stream in this town, except the dam at the mill of E. Gross and Son, were broken and the water overflowing the banks of the river made havoc with movables within its reach. The dam at the saw-mill of Horace W. Houston was swept away at this time and visions of a deluge were everywhere visible. Painful apprehensions of more serious consequences were entertained, but the bow of promise again appeared and tranquillity returned with the subsiding waters.

1870. An informal vote, in the nature of a request, concerning the site of Cushing Academy, was adopted. This measure recommended that the buildings be erected on land of George C. Winchester and north of his residence. William P. Ellis, Simeon Merritt and Marshall Wetherbee were selected to communicate to the trustees the desire of the town.

This year six hundred dollars was appropriated for the purchase of a town clock to be placed in the belfry of the new Methodist church. By the conditions of the vote the clock was to remain under the control of the town.

1871. A hose carriage and five hundred feet of additional hose were purchased by the town.

1872. The town appropriated one thousand dollars for a fire engine for the use of South Ashburnham and also purchased a site and built an engine-house in that village.

1874. Upper Naukeag was leased for the propagation of fish and Ohio Whitney was chosen agent.

1875. The new engine-house in central village was built this year. The committee to select and purchase a site and to superintend its construction were George C. Foster, George G. Rockwood and John H. Wilkins.

1877. Ward pond was leased for the propagation of fish.

1879. A new hearse was purchased.

SHADE TREES. — To subdue a forest was the mission of the early settlers of Ashburnham. The planting and care of shade trees is an impulse of succeeding generations. The appearance of the streets and the comfort of the homes of the villagers, and at many homesteads in all parts of the town, are indebted to the enterprising citizens who have prosecuted a commendable work. It will be kindly remembered that many of the shade trees on Lawrence and Chapel streets were planted by George C. Winchester. And in all parts of the village, many have been planted by the Village Improvement Society, while the Congregational Society, the trustees of Cushing Academy and many citizens have attended to the adornment of their respective lots.

A record of the present dimension of some of the familiar trees in this town will be of interest in the future, and will afford data from which the continued growth can be noted. In the summer of the present year (1886) the following measurements were made by Deacon William P. Ellis and George C. Foster, Esq. The several measures given denote the circumference of the tree at a distance of two feet from the ground.

A stately elm near the residence of Charles Winchester measures $14\frac{2}{3}$ feet. Tradition asserts that this tree was planted 1756. An English linden near the residence of Mrs. Ivers White, planted over eighty years ago, measures $8\frac{1}{2}$ feet. An elm on the grounds of Elbridge Stimson, and near the land of J. L. Cummings, Esq., measures $5\frac{3}{4}$ feet. This tree, then two inches in diameter, was planted by Pyan Burr in 1857. An oak, near the Congregational church and east of the horse shed of George Clark, was planted by Edward Sawyer about thirty years ago. It measures $5\frac{1}{2}$ feet. In 1847 Rev. Elnathan Davis set two small maples in front of the house now of Martin B. Lane. Each measures $5\frac{2}{3}$ feet. An elm planted by Walter O. Parker, in 1880 then less than three inches in diameter, now measures $2\frac{4}{5}$ feet. An elm planted by George C. Foster, in 1881, has increased in circumference 15 inches in five years. An elm at the corner of Main and Pleasant streets was set by the Village Improvement Society in 1881, and was then about two inches in diameter. It now measures $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet. Two elms planted about one hundred years ago by Deacon Sherebiah Hunt, in front of the residence of Albert T. Bemis measure respectively 10 and 12 feet. Two elms at the farm now of Joseph H. Harris, which were planted by Samuel Wilder, Esq., measure respectively $12\frac{2}{3}$ and $12\frac{1}{2}$ feet. Two attractive maples at the residence of Dr. L. L. Whitmore, one near the barn and one at the other side of the highway, were planted 1850. They now measure 4 and $4\frac{2}{3}$ feet. A native oak in the yard of Joseph E. Clark measures $10\frac{7}{8}$ feet. The stately elm near the residence of Elijah Gross measures $13\frac{2}{3}$ feet. This tree was planted by Asa Brooks, son of Simeon Brooks, about ninety years ago. Near by stands a thrifty elm planted 1876, by Miss Sarah W. Gross, measures $2\frac{4}{5}$ feet, and an oak planted about 1860 measures $5\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

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OF

THE EARLY FAMILIES OF ASHBURNHAM

INTRODUCTION.

THOSE who assume that nothing is gained from a study of the characteristics of their ancestors ignore at the outset that possibly an unfilial nature underlying such indifference was inherited, and through the influence of transmitted sentiment they deceive themselves in the conclusion that there is no inheritance in manner of thought. Under the equalities of republican institutions, and in the absence of laws of primogeniture and hereditary distinction, the selfish incentive to genealogical study fails and only a filial sentiment and an amiable desire lend pleasure and encouragement to these researches. The familiar type of character which has attended many of these families through successive generations and the influence of marriage alliance have presented many opportunities for a study which has enlivened the labor

involved in these registers. With a sympathy akin to pity for many who had preserved no knowledge of their ancestors, I have made a willing effort to extend and complete a defective record. In gathering the material for the following registers, fifteen hundred letters soliciting information have been written and many public and private records have been attentively perused. The records of the older towns, the former homes of the early settlers of Ashburnham, have afforded valuable information, while cemeteries and probate records have supplied many deficiencies.

To present the record of the generations of many of the families previous to their removal to this town has invited research and labor and has been attended with a regret that of a few of the early families such a record could not be secured.

If it is presumed by any that too little attention has been bestowed upon those families who have recently removed to this town, or to the younger generation of the present inhabitants, the compass of the volume will plead excuse, and in some instances a failure to secure the record is the only reason for its absence.

Many will presume that they discover errors in the multitude of dates contained in the following pages. It is feared that in some instances such conjecture will be sustained by the facts, but it should be borne in mind that frequently public records and family registers present contradictory dates of the same event. The record which has passed through the least number of copies has generally been accepted. I am aware that critics too hastily will assume

that records in their possession are correct. Experience in these pursuits leads one to presume that an error may exist in any record. Even the dates carefully chiselled in marble are not infallible. In one instance, at least, the records of this town demonstrate that a former worthy citizen paid taxes, held town office and shared the vicissitudes of a vigorous earthly existence several years after the date solemnly attested by the headstone erected to his memory.

Referring to places the town and State are given, but in the frequent mention of towns in Massachusetts and the border towns of Rindge and New Ipswich, the State is purposely omitted.

To Charles A. Bemis, author of the History of Marlborough, New Hampshire; Rev. William S. Heywood, who has in preparation a History of Westminster; F. E. Blake familiar with the annals and traditions of Princeton; Charles F. Packard of Ashburnham, who has furnished several registers, and Horatio Hill, Esq., of Chicago, Illinois, for information of the Hill and collateral families I am greatly indebted for polite favors and valuable assistance. Other favors are acknowledged in connection with the family registers, which through valuable contributions are rendered more complete.

EXPLANATIONS.

IN these registers the parents' name standing at the head of a paragraph is given in full, and printed in small capitals. The Christian names of the children only are given, and are printed in *Italic*, and are numbered in Roman numerals, I, II, III, etc. Whenever the names of their children or grandchildren of the person whose name introduces the paragraph appear, they are indented, printed in lower case, and are numbered in Arabic figures, 1, 2, 3, 4, etc. The numbers in the margin are consecutive; persons bearing the same family name are numbered in the order in which they are introduced. The character + after a person's name indicates that the name is thereafter repeated, and can be easily found by following down the margin until the same number appears enclosed in parenthesis.

ABBREVIATIONS. — b. stands for born; bap. for baptized; d. for died; md. for married; unmd. for unmarried; dau. for daughter; *s. p.*, or *sine prole*, for without offspring; *q. v.* for which see, or see the name of the person to whom the letters apply in the register of that family.

GENEALOGICAL REGISTER.

ABBOTT.

In the early history of the town there were two families bearing this name. They were influential in securing the annexation of a part of this town to Ashby in 1792. With their lands and earthly possessions they subsequently constituted a part of that town.

- 1 **JOHN ABBOTT** settled in the northeast part of this town about 1780. The farm is now in Ashby. He was ensign in the militia, and while he remained a citizen of this town he was frequently named in the records. He d. Nov. 28, 1782, Martha Whiting, dau. of Samuel and Sarah (Stevens) Whiting of Billerica. He d. in Ashby Aug. 16, 1805. Five children b. in Ashburnham and three in Ashby.
- 2 i. *Patty*, b. Aug. 30, 1783; d. 1805.
- 3 ii. *Polly*, b. April 23, 1785; d. 1793.
- 4 iii. *Sally*, b. May 27, 1787.
- 5 iv. *Betsy*, b. March 22, 1789.
- 6 v. *Nancy*, b. Jan. 7, 1791.
- 7 vi. *John*, b. Dec. 5, 1792.
- 8 vii. *Polly*, b. Jan. 29, 1795.
- 9 viii. *Charles*, d. 1805.
- 10 **JEREMIAH ABBOTT**, probably a brother of John, resided here several years and was also annexed to Ashby 1792. He d. Nov. 26, 1789, Patty Jaquith of Wilmington. The oldest child was b. in this town.
- 11 i. *Patty*, b. Aug. 29, 1790.
- 12 ii. *Jeremiah*, b. Feb. 15, 1792.
- 13 iii. *Benjamin*, b. July 10, 1793.
- 14 iv. *Dolly*, b. April 15, 1795; d. 1801.
- 15 v. *Betsey*, b. Feb. 17, 1797.
- 16 vi. *Obed*, b. Sept. 3, 1799.

ADAMS.

This has been a prominent and honored name in the annals of Ashburnham. There are several distinct families of Adams in New England, but the numerous families bearing the name in this town have a common lineage. All of them belong to the Cambridge family and are descendants of Capt. Thomas Adams who was b. 1713. The emigrant ancestor was John Adams, a son of Henry Adams of Devonshire, England. He was md. in England, and there one or more of his children were b., but he was residing in Cambridge as early as 1650, where several other children were b. He was a millwright and d. 1706, aged 85. His widow Ann was living 1714. Among their six children was Joseph Adams, who in 1697 received from his father a deed of the homestead which was near the present railway station in Arlington Centre. He md. Feb. 21, 1687-8, Margaret Eames, dau. of Thomas and Mary (Blanford) Eames. He d. July 20, 1701, and his widow md. Dec. 27, 1705, Daniel Dean of Concord. There appears no record of the birth of the children of Joseph and Margaret Adams, but there appears no evidence to qualify the statement of Cutter's History of Arlington that they had a son Joseph who is known in Cambridge records as Lieut. Joseph Adams, and who was b. 1688 or 1689. He md. Jan. 18, 1710-11, Rebecca Cutter, dau. of William and Rebecca (Rolfe) Cutter. She d. Jan. 12, 1717-8, leaving four children; and by second wife, Rachel, there were five children. Lieut. Adams was a selectman of Cambridge several years, precinct treasurer fifteen years, and in 1750 he was one of a committee to renew the bounds of Cambridge farm in this town. He d. Oct. 18, 1774, aged 86.

1 CAPT. THOMAS ADAMS, of the fourth generation, a son of Lieut. Joseph and Rebecca (Cutter) Adams, was b. in Cambridge, now Arlington, Aug. 20, 1713. About 1735, he removed to Worcester, where he resided until 1752, when he returned to Cambridge. He was an innholder, an active, influential citizen, and was frequently chosen to positions of responsibility and trust. In the French and Indian War he commanded a company of men enlisted from Cambridge and the towns in that vicinity which was in the service eight months. Upon their return with the loss of only one man, Rev. Samuel Cook preached a sermon Nov. 12, 1758, commemorating the event.

In 1764 Capt. Adams was precinct committee man and assessor, and the same year he was one of a committee chosen to sell the Cambridge farm in Ashburnham, of which he subsequently owned the larger portion.

Capt. Adams removed to Ashburnham in 1778 and continued a residence in this town with little, if any, interruption until his death. He occupied a part of Cambridge farm in the southeast part of the town, and during the later years of his life his son Ebenezer Thomas resided with him. He was chosen surveyor of the highways in 1779 and his name is found on all the existing tax lists from 1778 to 1802. The fact that he was not taxed in Menotomy after 1777 and was not named in the seating of the meeting-house in 1781, has called forth an expression of surprise from the local historians. An easy explanation

is found in the fact of his residence during these years in this town.

He md. Sept. 22, 1737, Anna Frost, dau. of Ephraim and Sarah (Cooper) Frost of Menotomy. She d. Oct. 6, 1740. He md. (2d) Lydia Chadwick, dau. of Job Chadwick of Worcester; she d. 1748. He md. (3d) Sep. 13, 1754, Elizabeth (Sanders) Bowman, widow of Ebenezer Bowman. They lived to advanced age and died the same year. She d. March 26, 1802, aged, says Mr. Cushing, "between 80 and 90 years." He d. Nov. 9, 1802, aged 89 years.

- 2 i. *Joseph*, b. Oct. 6, 1740; d. same day.
- 3 ii. *Hannah*, b. April 13, 1743; md. Walter Russell
q. v.; md. (2d) Enos Jones, q. v.
- 4 iii. *John*, b. Jan. 22, 1744-5. +
- 5 iv. *Lydia*, b. Aug. 20, 1755; md. Lemuel Blanchard
b. in Billerica July 1, 1749; son of John and
Elizabeth (Richardson) Blanchard. They re-
sided in Cambridge where he was styled
trader, and where he d. about 1790. She md.
(2d) July 30, 1795, Joseph Thorndike, Esq.,
prominent citizen of Jaffrey, N. H. He d.
June 25, 1814. She survived him, but the date
of her death is unknown. By the first marriage
she had two children and perhaps others.
- 6 1. *Thomas*, b. April 20, 1779.
- 7 2. *Son*, b. April 27, 1783.
- 8 v. *Lucretia*, b. Aug. 2, 1757; md. Ethan Wetherbee
q. v.
- 9 vi. *Ebenezer Thomas*, b. Jan. 10, 1762. +

(4) JOHN ADAMS was the first of the family in Ashburnham where he resided over seventy years. *Vide* Chapter XX. He md. July 9, 1770, Joanna Munroe, b. April 12, 1747 dau. of Jonas and Joanna (Locke) Munroe and a sister of Lieut. Ebenezer Munroe who subsequently resided in this town. She d., leaving nine children, Nov. 26, 1822. He md. (2d) 1826, Lucy (Simonds) Munroe, widow of Lieut. Ebenezer Munroe. He d. at Harford, Penn., Feb. 26, 1849, aged 104 years, 1 month and 4 days.

- 10 i. *John*, b. April 27, 1771. +
- 11 ii. *Levi*, b. Dec. 31, 1773. +
- 12 iii. *Joanna*, b. June 13, 1775; md. Stephen Corey
q. v.
- 13 iv. *Jonas R.*, b. April 8, 1777. +
- 14 v. *James*, b. June 10, 1779. +

- 15 VI. *Rebecca*, b. Feb. 22, 1781; md. May 28, 1807,
Joel Davis, q. v.
16 VII. *Walter Russell*, b. April 5, 1783. +
17 VIII. *Betsy*, b. Oct. 30, 1785; d. unmd.
18 IX. *Polly*, b. Jan. 25, 1789; md. David Cushing, q. v.

(9) EBENEZER THOMAS ADAMS, youngest son of Capt. Thomas Adams, removed to this town with his father and settled on Cambridge farm about 1778. He was a captain of the militia. He was a man of marked ability and influence. He md. June 20, 1784. Polly Goodwin, b. 1763, dau. of Thomas and Mary (Miller) Goodwin of Charlestown. He d. Aug. 6, 1804; his widow d. Feb. 24, 1815.

- 19 I. *Ebenezer*, b. May 16, 1785. +
20 II. *Polly*, b. Oct. 15, 1786; d. Nov. 16, 1786.
21 III. *Stephen*, b. Sept. 19, 1788. +
22 IV. *Mary*, b. March 17, 1791; md. Gen. Ivers Jewett,
q. v.
23 V. *Hepsibah*, b. Sept. 29, 1793; md. Thomas Russell,
q. v.
24 VI. *Eliza*, b. Nov. 19, 1796; md. Capt. Timothy
Stearns, q. v.
25 VII. *Thomas*, b. Sept. 7, 1799; d. Jan. 2, 1801.
26 VIII. *Lydia*, md. Gen. Ivers Jewett, q. v.

(10) ENSIGN JOHN ADAMS, eldest son of John Adams, the centenarian, held many positions of trust. He was an ensign in the militia, and by this title he was distinguished in the records from his father and his eldest son who bore the same name. He md. Dec. 1, 1796, Dolly Gibson, dau. of Samuel Gibson. He d. Jan. 6, 1844; she d. May 20, 1835.

- 27 I. *Infant*, b. Jan. 25, 1799; d. same day.
28 II. *John*, b. April 7, 1803. +
29 III. *Cinderella*, b. July 25, 1806; md. Amos D. Scol-
lay, q. v.
30 IV. *Harriett*, b. Feb. 16, 1809; md. Merrick Whitney,
q. v.
31 V. *Dolly Gibson*, b. June 25, 1811; md. Darwin
Woods, q. v.
32 VI. *Jane M.*, b. May 17, 1814; d. unmd. Nov. 9,
1838.

(11) LEVI ADAMS, son of John, md. 1798, Deborah Leland, b. 1778, dau. of Caleb and Deborah (Farrar) Leland of Leominster. She d. 1814; he md. (2d) Mrs. Hannah (Hale) Adams. He was a farmer and a tanner. A few

years after his first marriage he removed to Leominster and later to Townsend. Late in life he removed to Hartford, Penn., where he d. Aug. 2, 1845. Six children the first and one by second marriage.

- 33 i. *Deborah*, b. Sept. 5, 1799; md. Asa P. Cowdin of Fitchburg. She d. his widow in this town, Jan. 10, 1877.
- 34 ii. *Milton*, b. 1801. +
- 35 iii. *Caroline*, b. Nov. 11, 1804; md. Feb. 21, 1822 Ezra Baker, a worthy citizen of Jaffrey, N. H. Two children.
- 36 1. *Milton*, b. July 23, 1830; resides unm. in Jaffrey.
- 37 2. *Mahala*, b. Aug. 15, 1833; md. George A. Underwood of Jaffrey.
- 38 iv. *Levi*, b. Sept. 18, 1806; d. July 19, 1825.
- 39 v. *Mary*, b. March 13, 1811; resides unm. in the town.
- 40 vi. *Nancy*, b. March 17, 1813; md. May 1, 1833 George W. Hunt, son of Joel and Clara (McCall) Hunt. They resided several years in Fitchburg. In 1856 they removed to Lawrence, Kansas. He d. March 22, 1870. Six children.
- 41 vii. *Amos H.*, b. Aug. 11, 1824; resides in Pennsylvania.

(13) JONAS R. ADAMS, son of John, was twice married, but no record has been secured. In early life he removed to Pennsylvania, and in 1836 he removed with his family to Illinois and settled about twenty miles from Chicago in the township of Lisle and near the post office of Downer's Grove. He was a farmer. About 1856 he visited his native town and witnessed with mingled pain and pleasure the ravages and improvements of years. He d. a few years later. Only an imperfect record of his children can be given.

- 42 i. *James L.*, b. 1806; resided a few years with his father and returned to Pennsylvania. He was postmaster at Brooklyn, Penn., many years. He d. suddenly, 1885.
- 43 ii. *Nancy*, md. Alexander Foster.
- 44 iii. *Eliza*, md. — Race.
- 45 iv. *Amos*, b. 1825; in 1848 was a lawyer in Chicago; subsequently he removed to California and has been successful.
- 46 v. *Albert*, b. 1827; removed to California.

47 | VI. *Mary E.*, b. 1834.

- (14) | JAMES ADAMS, son of John, resided in Ashburnham until 1834. when he removed to Harford, Penn. He md. June 22, 1800, Dolly Dickerson, dau. of Amos Dickerson, *q. v.*; she d. Jan. 18, 1818; he md. (2d) 1819, Lucy Sawtelle. He d. April 30, 1855; she d. Sept. 21, 1864. It was with this son that the aged father passed the declining years of a prolonged and useful life.



OLD ADAMS HOMESTEAD—EAST PART OF TOWN.

- 48 | I. *Nancy*, md. 1819, Loring Gates, son of John
 49 | Gates, *q. v.*
 49 | II. *Dolly*, b. Sept. 5, 1802; md. 1820. Luther Brooks.
 50 | Jr., *q. v.*
 50 | III. *James*, b. Nov. 24, 1804. +
 51 | IV. *Elizabeth D.*, md. John Boynton of Groton.
 52 | V. *Jonas*, was a farmer in Harford, Penn.; md.
 52 | Emeline Tiffany. He d. about 1877.
 53 | 1. Elizabeth, md. Henry Estabrook; d. 1882.
 54 | 2. Sumner, md. — Barnard; resides on
 54 | paternal homestead.
 55 | VI. *Joanna*, md. Laban Capron; resided in Harford,
 55 | Penn.; d. about 1865.

- 56 VII. *John*, b. about 1821; md. — Peck; resides in Harford, Penn.
- 57 VIII. *Andrew Jackson*, resided in Ashburnham from 1845 to 1850; returned to Harford, Penn.; md. Sarah Jane Sawyer, dau. of Abel Sawyer, *q. v.*
- 58 IX. *Estella*, md. Henry Jeffers; resides in Brooklyn, Penn.
- 59 X. *Sarah*, md. Hubbard N. Smith; resides in Lenox, Penn.
- 60 XI. *William*, resides in Hopbottom, Penn.

(16) **WALTER RUSSELL ADAMS**, youngest son of John, was prosperous farmer in this town. He was an ensign in the Ashburnham Light Infantry when the company was in the service in 1814. He md. Feb. 7, 1804, Mercy Fairbanks, dau. of Cyrus Fairbanks, *q. v.*; she d. March 7, 1858. He md. (2d) 1854, Mrs. Abigail (Fairbanks) Patch, sister of his first wife. He d. Sept. 22, 1868; his wife d. 1866.

- 61 I. *Walter*, b. Nov. 4, 1807. +
- 62 II. *Mary*, b. Oct. 29, 1808; md. May 19, 1836, Asa Ames, son of Bulkley and Lydia (Prescott) Ames of Groton, where he d. April 14, 1846. She md. (2d) 1847, Calvin Childs of Groton, where she d. June 19, 1864. Two children by first and one by second marriage.
- 63 1. Mary Augusta, b. March 28, 1837; resides in Ashburnham.
- 64 2. Sarah Jane, b. Oct. 12, 1842; d. at Groton Sept. 22, 1848.
- 65 3. Calvin Adams, b. June 12, 1848; d. June 20, 1849.
- 66 III. *Eliza*, b. Aug. 26, 1810; d. June 10, 1815.
- 67 IV. *Cyrus Hale*, b. June 6, 1812; d. unmd. Nov. 22, 1882.
- 68 V. *Joseph*, b. July 26, 1816; d. July 28, 1818.
- 69 VI. *Joseph*, b. Aug. 2, 1818. +
- 70 VII. *Eliza Elvira*, b. March 3, 1823; md. April 24, 1845, John M. Dexter, b. 1820, son of Samuel Dexter of Franklin, N. H. She d. at Townsend, *s. p.*, Sept. 27, 1848.
- 71 VIII. *Sarah Jane*, b. Oct. 6, 1826; md. George G. Rockwood, *q. v.*

(19) **EBENEZER ADAMS**, son of Capt. Ebenezer Thomas Adams, md. July 13, 1806, Peggy Russell, dau. of Thomas

and Margaret (Adams) Russell, *q. v.* He was a farmer and a citizen of good repute. He d. Dec. 18, 1824. His widow md. (2d) Ensign Asa Woods, *q. v.*

- 72 i. *Catherine*, b. and d. Nov. 11, 1807.
 73 ii. *Ivers*, b. Dec. 30, 1808. +
 74 iii. *Thomas Russell*, b. Aug. 30, 1811. +
 75 iv. *James Russell*, b. March 23, 1814. He d. unmtd.
 May 4, 1847: He resided in Washington, D.
 C., and in Kentucky where he was known as a
 young man of ability and scholarly attainment.
 76 v. *Mary Goodwin*, b. April 13, 1817; md. June 27,
 1837, Franklin McIntire, b. Jan. 30, 1813, son of
 David McIntire of Fitchburg, and subsequently
 of Springfield, Vt. Mr. McIntire was engaged
 several years in teaching school, residing in this
 town and in Fitchburg. She d. in Fitchburg
 June 17, 1845. He md (2d) Elvira Works and
 was an extensive farmer in Springfield, Vt. He
 d. in Charlestown, N. H., where he had resided
 a short time, March 26, 1886. By the first
 marriage, there were three children.
 77 1. Mary Caroline, b. Dec. 28, 1837; md.
 Lincoln Whitney, son of Merrick Whit-
 ney, *q. v.*
 78 2. Catherine, b. April 14, 1839; d. Sept. 2,
 1847.
 79 3. James F., b. 1841; d. in the war April
 20, 1864.
 80 vi. *Warren*, b. Feb. 11, 1820; removed to California :
 d. unmtd.

(21) STEPHEN ADAMS, son of Capt. Ebenezer Thomas
 Adams, md. Oct. 5, 1813, Hannah Wheeler, dau. of John
 and Hannah Wheeler. He resided in Fitchburg from
 about 1813 to 1820 and subsequently in Ashby where he d.

- 81 i. *Laura M.*, b. July, 1814; md. 1832, William Up-
 ton of Townsend.
 82 1. Stephen W. S., b. 1835; resides in Town-
 send.
 83 2. Sarah Marion, b. 1836; md. Amos A.
 Green.
 84 3. George, d. young.
 85 4. George A., b. 1845; resides in Townsend.
 86 ii. *Hannah E.*, b. May, 1816; md. 1837, William

Sheldon of Ashby. She d. and he md. (2d Mrs. Mary (Perley) French.

- 87 1. Mary E., b. May, 1842; d. unmd.
- 88 2. William Sullivan, b. April, 1845.
- 89 III. Mary J., b. March, 1818; md. 1844, Stephe
Wyman of Ashby.
- 90 IV. Stephen S., b. June, 1820; md. 1844, Marth
Barrett.
- 91 1. Martha F., b. Oct., 1846.
- 92 2. Mary A., b. April, 1849.
- 93 3. Stephen F., b. March, 1859.
- 94 V. Harriet W. (twin), b. June, 1820; md. 1845
Ivers Adams, q. v.
- 95 VI. Sophronia E., b. Oct., 1822; d. young.
- 96 VII. George L., b. Feb., 1825; md. Adaline Andrews
He resides in Ashby.
- 97 1. George E., b. April, 1851.
- 98 2. Addie S., b. May, 1854.
- 99 VIII. Martha A., b. Aug., 1827; d. unmd.
- 100 IX. Sophronia E., b. March, 1830; md. 1858, Henr
A. Woods.
- 101 1. Henry R., b. Aug., 1856.
- 102 2. Guy, b. March, 1866.

(28) JOHN ADAMS, son of Ensign John Adams, md. Oct. 4
1826, Lucy Caldwell, dau. of John Caldwell, q. v.; she d
Aug. 18, 1845. He md. (2d) April 1, 1846, Laura (Con
stantine) Bennett, dau. of Jacob Constantine, q. v., an
widow of Asa Bennett, q. v. He d. Jan. 27, 1881. Sh
d. Nov. 14, 1878.

- 103 I. Lucy Ann, b. April 22, 1827; md. April 13, 1847
John H. Danby; reside in Fitchburg. Fou
children.
- 104 II. Infant, b. and d. May 31, 1829.
- 105 III. Infant, b. and d. July 4, 1831.
- 106 IV. George Francis, b. Jan. 19, 1833; md. Jan. 1
1856, Rebecca Raymond. Reside at Indian
apolis, Ind. Two children.
- 107 V. Mary Augusta, b. Jan. 22, 1835; md. Dec. 9
1860, Mason J. Osgood; reside at Indianapolis
Ind. Three children.
- 108 VI. Ellen Amelia, b. Dec. 8, 1837; d. Jan. 6, 1854.
- 109 VII. Harriet Maria, b. Feb. 18, 1840; md. June 14

- 1860, William A. Hardy of Fitchburg; she d. Aug. 14, 1877. Four children.
- 110 VIII. *Sarah Elizabeth*, b. Aug. 14, 1842; md. Nov. 20, 1874, Joseph Lee Heywood; he was killed, Sept. 7, 1876, by burglars in First National Bank, Northfield, Minn. She d. March 15, 1884.
- 111 IX. *Infant*, b. and d. June 22, 1844.
- 112 X. *John Wesley*, b. May 17, 1847; md. Ella Stearns; reside in Winchendon. One child.
- 113 XI. *Isabella M.*, b. April 25, 1849; d. June 3, 1850.
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- (34) MILTON ADAMS, son of Levi Adams, resided in this town, in Danvers and Brighton, and in the State of New York. He md. Esther Gibson of Ashby; she d. Nov. 5, 1833. There were four children.
- 114 I. *Samuel G.*, b. Dec. 23, 1825. He md. Martha Stoddard, (2d) Elvira Warren and (3d) Harriet A. Patterson. He was engaged in business until 1861, when he was appointed on the police of the city of Boston. From 1878 to 1885, he ably and faithfully served the city as Superintendent of Police, and when, on account of failing health, he resigned, the Commissioners accepted his resignation with the following expression of their appreciation of his services: "Irreproachable in his private life and incorruptible in the performance of his public duties. Capt. Adams has honored his chosen profession and retires from office respected and esteemed by the community which he has served for so many years." He d. May 15, 1886.
- 115 II. *Esther P.*, b. June 20, 1828; md. Hosea G. Stone, q. v.
- 116 III. *Roxanna*, b. July 25, 1832; md. Nov. 2, 1851, Lucius H. Sabin of Gardner.
- 117 IV. *Elizabeth*, resides unmd. in Ashburnham.
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- (50) JAMES ADAMS, son of James Adams, md. in this town Sept. 20, 1827, Mary B. Whitney, dau. of Ohio Whitney, q. v. He was a farmer and a tanner. He established the business in tanning, subsequently conducted by L. B. and A. J. Adams, at Factory Village. In 1849 he removed with his family to Brooklyn, Penn. His wife d. Oct. 29, 1847. He md. (2d) April 12, 1848, Mary H. Smith who d. in Oct., 1884. He d. Dec. 25, 1880. All of his children were b. in this town.

- 118 i. *Luther B.*, b. Feb. 16, 1829; md. Oct. 13, 1850
Mary B. Samson, dau. of Jonathan Samson. *q. v.*
He resides in this town and for several years
was local superintendent of the Boston Cha
Manufacturing Company.
- 119 1. *Flora Luella*, b. Aug. 12; d. Oct. 10
1857.
- 120 ii. *Dolly*, b. Nov. 9, 1830; d. Aug. 31, 1833.
- 121 iii. *Ohio Whitney*, b. Jan. 9, 1833; md. May 26
1861, *L. Angie Harding*. He is a locomotive
engineer and resides at New Hampton Junction
N. J.
- 122 iv. *Francis A.*, b. June 2, 1835; md. Dec. 22, 1860
Catherine Rinehart. He is a locomotive en
gineer and resides at Lebanon, N. J.
- 123 v. *James W.*, b. Oct. 21, 1839; md. March 30, 1861
Sarah J. Perry. He is a farmer at Brooklyn
Penn.
- 124 vi. *Joseph Henry*, b. Dec. 30, 1841; drowned Aug
4, 1845.
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- (61) **WALTER ADAMS**, son of **Walter Russell Adams**, was
carpenter in this town, and an esteemed citizen. He md
Jan. 1. 1834. *Sarah Whitney*, dau. of *Ohio Whitney*
q. v. He d. Jan. 7, 1876. Six children.
- 125 i. *Ivers Whitney*, b. May 20, 1838. +
- 126 ii. *Walter Russell*, b. Feb. 7, 1840. He has been
much employed in town affairs and has been
actively and successfully engaged in business
pursuits. For several years has been a merchant
in this town in the firm of *Adams & Greenwood*
He md. April 21, 1881, *Mary Ella Pillsbury*
dau. of *Dr. Levi Pillsbury* of *Fitchburg*.
- 127 iii. *Sarah Adelaide*, b. Feb. 26, 1843; md. July 25
1877, *Charles A. Robbins*, son of *Charles*
Robbins of *Mason, N. H.*
- 128 iv. *Abbie Augusta*, b. Jan. 14, 1846; d. Aug. 27
1848.
- 129 v. *Charles Francis*, b. Oct. 21, 1849; d. unm. Dec
19, 1876.
- 130 vi. *Willis Herbert*, b. March 3, 1852; d. Aug. 27
1853.
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- (69) **JOSEPH ADAMS**, son of **Walter Russell Adams**, was
formerly engaged in the morocco business in this town
He is the only grandson of *John Adams* the centenarian

remaining in Ashburnham. In his daily life he manifests the reliable qualities which have distinguished his family through many generations. He md. July 22, 1841, Dolly Winship Whitney, dau. of Ohio Whitney, *q. v.*

- 131 I. *Melvin Ohio*, b. Nov. 7, 1847. He is an attorney and counsellor-at-law in Boston and assistant district-attorney. *Vide* Chap. XX. He md. Jan. 20, 1875, Mary Colony, dau. of Dr. George Colony of Fitchburg.
- 132 II. *Walter Hale*, b. Nov. 11, 1851; d. Oct. 6, 1852.

(73) IVERS ADAMS, for many years, was actively engaged in the morocco business. The firm of Ivers & Thomas R. Adams was successful and maintained a good record and an excellent reputation in business circles. He represented the town in the Legislature in the session of 1851. and in the conduct of town affairs he has been a useful and reliable citizen. He md. July 21, 1845, Harriet W. Adams, dau. of Stephen Adams of Ashby, *q. v.* She d., leaving one child, July 26, 1846.

- 133 I. *Mary Goodwin*, b. May 21, 1846; md. March 31, 1870, Hosea S. Whitney, son of Merrick Whitney, *q. v.*

(74) THOMAS R. ADAMS, of the firm of Ivers & Thomas R. Adams, was a man of unblemished reputation. He md. 1840, Jane Alona Russell, dau. of Walter and Alona (Lawrence) Russell, *q. v.* She d. Feb. 28, 1845. He d. Feb. 11, 1877.

- 134 I. *Thomas Benton*, b. March 11, 1842. He d. unmd. July 8, 1864.

(126) IVERS WHITNEY ADAMS, son of Walter and Sarah (Whitney) Adams, is a descendant of the fifth generation from Capt. Thomas Adams and of the fourth generation from Silas Whitney, the progenitors of two prominent families of Ashburnham. In his boyhood and youth he attended the public schools of this town and supplemented these limited privileges with a few terms at the academies in this vicinity. In the meantime he found a more rugged employment on the farm and at work with his father at his trade. To train the son in the arts of the trade of a carpenter was the honest, yet mistaken, aim of the father. The youth, however, incited by an honorable ambition and with well-defined dreams of the future, had loftier aims and early aspired to more inviting pursuits. At the



Arrested Adam!

age of nineteen years he left the parental roof. His only capital was good health, correct habits, a laudable ambition and the blessing of his parents. He found employment with Houghton, Sawyer & Co., a leading dry-goods house of Boston, and was assigned to the carpet department of their business. The first year he received for his service one hundred dollars, the second year one hundred and fifty dollars, and the third year two hundred dollars. With little assistance from his parents he supported himself without indebtedness. It was a modest beginning, but in it appears the pivotal point in the life of Mr. Adams. In these years of toil and self-denial he found a perpetual incentive to broader pursuits. The force of will which has guided his subsequent career restrained the warm activities of youth and tutored him in the mastery of every detail of the business. He remained with his early employers until the carpet department of their business was suspended. Immediately, in 1860, he entered the employ of John H. Pray, Sons & Co. In this house he was rapidly advanced through successive positions, until he became the active member of this firm. The succeeding years of close application and sagacious management developed marked ability in building up and in the general direction of an extensive business. In 1882 he retired from the firm with a competence. It could hardly have been expected that a young and active merchant would long remain in an idle enjoyment of the substantial rewards of success. He was soon enlisted in other pursuits. He purchased a large interest in the American Net and Twine Company, a corporation of solid fame and established reputation. From a director he soon became president of the board and general manager of a corporation that gives employment to five hundred persons and produces a larger annual product than that of any kindred manufactory in the world.

Not yet fifty years of age, it may safely be assumed that the measure of his success in business is not complete, and that years are remaining for the enjoyment and improvement of the rewards of untiring labor. The activities of Mr. Adams have not been exhausted in business pursuits. His ardent enthusiasm attends him in the hours of recreation. For many years he has been interested in the propagation of fish and he was the original purchaser, from the town of Ashburnham, of the lease of Lake Naukeag. He owns extensive salmon fisheries in New Brunswick and shooting grounds in Virginia. He is familiar with the rod and the gun and

finds rest and healthful exercise in congenial sports.

For many years Mr. Adams was connected with the church and parish of Rev. A. A. Miner, D. D., and is now a member of the Grove Hall church, Dorchester. He is chairman of its board of trustees and chairman of the board of directors of the Universalist Club of Boston.

Mr. Adams is a man of genial manners and a ready appreciation of the demands of friendship and society. He combines qualities often found apart, — an ardent temperament and a steady purpose. In business, in the family and in society, his impulses are warm yet steady, and his friendship is strong and enduring. His residence is in Dorchester district, Boston. He md. Oct. 4, 1866, Sarah Elizabeth Shepard, dau. of James and Mary (Belcher) Shepard of Canton. Five of their six children are living.

- 135 NATHANIEL ADAMS, born about 1745, with his wife Lucy and three children, removed from Stow to this town 1775. If he was related to the other families of Adams in this town, the fact does not appear. His wife d. May 23, 1819, aged 71. He md. (2d) Nov. 17, 1822, Abigail Winchester, widow of — Winchester; she d. May 22, 1823; he d. Nov. 28, 1823.

- 136 I. *Lucy*.
 137 II. *Nathaniel*.
 138 III. *Betty*, bap. 1776; md. Jonas Merriam, *q. v.*
 139 IV. *Samuel*, bap. 1779; md. March 19, 1809, Mercy Sherwin, dau. of Capt. Asa Sherwin of Rindge.
 140 V. *John*, bap. 1781.
 141 VI. *Polly*, bap. 1783.
 142 VII. *Patty*, bap. 1789; md. Dec. 12, 1805, Sylvanus Boynton of Winchendon.

- 1 EBENEZER AGER, son of Ebenezer Ager of Rindge, resided in this town a few years, early in the present century. The name of his wife, probably, was Polly Howe. Two children were b. in this town. He d. in Rindge about 1810.

- 2 I. *Mary Howe*, b. March 5, 1804.
 3 II. *Sophronia*, b. Sept. 24, 1807.

- 1 DEA. ZENAS ALLEN, son of Benjamin and Asenath (Coleman) Allen, was b. in Ashby Nov. 4, 1805. His mother, Asenath Coleman, was a dau. of Benjamin and Susannah (Martin) Coleman. *Vide* Coleman and Martin registers. He removed to this town in early manhood and

here md. Sept. 11, 1827, Caroline Randall, dau. of David and Betsey (Hastings) Raudall, *q. v.* In 1836 he removed to Boston. He now resides in Hyde Park. He was a deacon of the Berkeley Street Congregational church and now of Hyde Park Congregational church. Caroline (Randall) Allen d. March 23, 1869. Dea. Zenas Allen md. (2d) Mrs. Charlotte (Clark) Sanders of New Ipswich N. H. Two children.

- 2 i. *Charles Hastings*, b. June 14, 1828. +
- 3 ii. *George Henry*, b. Nov. 22, 1832; md. 1854, Emily A. Boyden, dau. of Samuel and Roxanna Boyden of Boston; md. (2d) 1864, Sarah E. Sylvester, dau. of Robert and Sarah Sylvester of Hanover.

(2) HON. CHARLES HASTINGS ALLEN, a prominent citizen of Boston, continues a successful and honorable career in business and municipal affairs. In early life he was of the firm of Francis Skinner & Co., and later of the firm of Leland, Allen & Bates. In 1880, retiring from commercial pursuits, he was chosen president of the Home Savings Bank and remains at the head of that well-known and prosperous institution. In municipal and State affairs he has found frequent employment and has served the city and the State with ability and distinction. He was a member of the Common Council, 1867 and 1868, and of the Board of Alderman, 1885 and 1886. He was President of the Council 1868, and is now Chairman of the Board of Aldermen. In 1878, 1879, 1880, he was a representative, and in 1881 and 1882 a member of the Senate. He md. July 2, 1849, Caroline F. Sanders, dau. of George Sanders of New Ipswich, N. H.

1 STEPHEN AMES and wife, Abigail, are found residing in this town as early as 1761. He was an innholder in 1766 and resided near Rice pond. In 1776 he removed to Cockermouth Grant. This grant included the present town of Groton in New Hampshire, and a part of some of the surrounding towns.

- 2 i. *Stephen*, b. Oct. 16, 1762.
- 3 ii. *Jeremiah*, b. April 25, 1765.
- 4 iii. *Abigail*, b. Nov. 8, 1767.
- 5 iv. *Abel*, b. May 8, 1770.
- 6 v. *Sarah*, b. Dec. 23, 1772.

1 TIMOTHY ANGIER removed to this town about 1780. He was a son of Benjamin and Sarah Angier and a grandson

of Joseph and Elizabeth Angier of Framingham, where he was b. Feb. 28, 1740. He md. 1766, Mercy Haven, b. in Hopkinton, Nov. 3, 1746, dau. of Joshua and Mary Haven. She d. in this town Oct. 3, 1805; he md. (2d) April 16, 1807, Molly (Ames) Clark, widow of Daniel Clark, *q. v.* There is no reason to presume that all the children are named in the following register.

- 2 I. *Sally*, b. 1769; d. in this town unmd. Nov. 9, 1857.
- 3 II. *Patty*, md. Lemuel Kelton, *q. v.*
- 4 III. *Benjamin*.†
- 5 IV. *Elijah*, b. about 1775; d. March 12, 1800.
- 6 V. *Obadiah*, b. 1784; d. April 26, 1795.

(4) BENJAMIN ANGIER resided in this town until 1810. By wife Anna, he had three children, all of whom d. in this town.

- 7 I. *Elijah*, b. March 5, 1802; d. Sept. 21, 1805.
- 8 II. *Hollis*, b. Aug. 25, 1804; d. Sept. 22, 1805.
- 9 III. *Azebath*, b. June 30, 1806; d. June 10, 1808.

1 GEORGE BAKER, b. in Westminster Aug. 27, 1808, removed to this town about 1835. He was a carpenter but was in the employ several years of C. and G. C. Winchester, in the manufacture of chairs. He md. April 27, 1736, Cyrene Kibling, dau. of Henry Kibling, *q. v.* He d. of cancer Jan. 28, 1881. She resides in Lane Village.

- 2 I. *Charles A.*, b. July 4, 1838; d. June 3, 1854.
- 3 II. *Mary S.*, b. Oct. 20, 1848; d. same day.

4 BRADISH BAKER, b. in Roxbury Oct. 10, 1808, md. May 14, 1833, Achsah (Bemis) Hart, widow of Lincoln Hart and dau. of Stephen Bemis, *q. v.* They resided in Dover and in Needham and since 1855 have lived in this town.

- 5 I. *George L.*, b. Feb. 17, 1834. Conductor on Baltimore and Ohio R. R.; resides in Chicago.
- 6 II. *Eliza J.*, b. Feb. 28, 1836; md. April 27, 1874, Shubael Ross Herrick, *q. v.*
- 7 III. *John L.*, b. April 13, 1839; d. Jan. 18, 1853.
- 8 IV. *Edwin Thompson*, b. Oct. 20, 1843; a machinist; d. in Fitchburg, Feb. 12, 1882.

9 DANFORTH N. BAKER, son of Stephen and Desire (Davis) Baker, was b. in Woodstock, Conn., June 6,

- 1828, and removed in early life to this town where he md May 29, 1860, Salura Brooks, dau. of Ira Brooks, *q. v.* Resides in Chapel street.
- 10 I. *Addie*, b. Jan. 29, 1863.
- 11 II. *Ida E.*, b. March 28, 1866; d. Sept 16, 1869.
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- 12 E. J. BOARDMAN BAKER, son of Jacob and Nabby (Perkins) Baker, was b. in Enosburg, Vt., Feb. 27, 1821. He md. in Fitchburg, Dec. 3, 1846, Martha A. (Kinsman) Perkins, widow of William Perkins. At that time they removed to this town where she d. Sept. 9, 1882. There were four children of William and Martha A. Perkins and one of E. J. B. and Martha A. Baker.
- 13 I. *Harriet (Perkins)*, b. May 18, 1835.
- 14 II. *Everett W. (Perkins)*, b. Aug. 26, 1837.
- 15 III. *Emily M. (Perkins)*, b. Jan. 27, 1840.
- 16 IV. *Frances H. (Perkins)*, d. Jan. 3, 1871.
- 17 V. *Eva E.*, b. July 28, 1854; resides with her parents
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- 1 BARNARD BALDWIN resided in the north part of the town. In 1818 he removed to Rindge where he d. June 4, 1830. He was a farmer and a blacksmith and had a shop near the house where Aaron B. Bixby resides. The name of his wife was Mary, but no record of his marriage has been found. Perhaps all the children are not named.
- 2 I. *Elizabeth*, b. Feb. 8, 1795; md. Benjamin Hartwell, son of Benjamin and Sarah (Sanderson) Hartwell.
- 3 II. *Sarah*, b. Jan. 23, 1797.
- 4 III. *Samuel*, b. Feb. 11, 1800; md. Mary F. Cook, dau. of John Cook, *q. v.* He resided several years on the Frederick Crosby place. He d. Aug. 6, 1862; she d. April 27, 1875. A dau., Abigail, md. 1854, Luther P. Reed of Littleton; md. (2d) 1877, John Q. Kinson of this town.
- 5 IV. *Joseph*.

BANCROFT.

The Bancrofts of this town were from Gardner. The name appears continuously in the records since 1828. Harvey M. Bancroft and his cousin, Jonathan O. Bancroft, are of the seventh generation of their family in this country. The emigrant ancestor, Lieut. Thomas Bancroft, was b. in England 1622. In 1647, then a resident of Dedham, he md. Alice Bacon, who soon d.; he md. (2d) Sept. 15, 1648, Elizabeth Metcalf, and removed about 1650 to Reading, and subsequently to Lynnfield, where he d. Aug. 19, 1691. He was a prominent man of his time, and the records bear frequent

and honorable mention of his name. The eldest son, Dea. Thomas Bancroft, was b. in Dedham, Sept. 24, 1649. He removed to Reading, where he md. April 10, 1673, Sarah Poole, dau. of Jonathan Poole. He was a lieutenant, and is mentioned in "Mather's Magnolia" as having saved the garrison at Exeter from an assault by the Indians. He d. July 12, 1718; his widow d. May 20, 1723. Their second son, Raham Bancroft, was b. in Reading Feb. 14, 1684. He md. Abigail Eaton, and (2d) Ruth Kendall. He was a prominent citizen and a deacon of the church. He d. 1758, aged 74 years, and to the record of his death his pastor appends—"That good man, my friend, Dea. Bancroft." Of his eight children, David Bancroft, a son by first wife, was b. in Reading Aug. 2, 1718. About 1740 he removed to Ward, now Auburn. He served in the French and Indian War, was a deacon, also a representative in the Provincial Congress 1774. He md. Eunice Bancroft, dau. of John and Mary (Clark) Bancroft of Lynnfield. He d. at Auburn April 16, 1782. Jonathan, the sixth child of David Bancroft, was b. in May, 1750. He removed to Templeton, now Gardner, 1772, and there md. Aug. 30, 1774, Sarah Case of Sutton, who was the mother of all his children. She d. Feb. 17, 1816, and he md. (2d) 1817, Widow Elizabeth Bancroft of Phillipston. He served in the Revolution and was in the battles of Stillwater and Saratoga 1777. He d. suddenly Sept. 25, 1826. Smyrna Bancroft, son of Jonathan and Mary (Case) Bancroft, was b. May 15, 1776. He was nine years of age when Gardner was incorporated, and was subsequently a selectman and assessor of that town. He md. Sarah Whitney, dau. of William and Mary (Mansfield) Whitney of Winchendon. He d. in Gardner Aug. 5, 1818. His son Harvey M. Bancroft for many years has resided in this town. Jonathan Bancroft, Jr., a brother of Smyrna, was b. in Templeton, now Gardner, Feb. 7, 1775. He md. Betsey Parker of Westford. He resided in Gardner, but his farm extended over the line into this town. He d. 1840. Three of his children have resided in this town. His son, Jonathan O. Bancroft, is number 4 in the following register. Another son, Dr. Jesse P. Bancroft, for many years the able superintendent of the Asylum for the Insane at Concord, N. H., resided with his brother a few years and from this town entered upon the active labors of a useful life. Sophia Bancroft, the wife of John C. Glazier, was a sister of Jonathan O. and Dr. Jesse P. Bancroft.

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- 1 HARVEY M. BANCROFT, son of Smyrna and Sarah (Whitney) Bancroft, was b. May 1, 1803. He md. May 1, 1828, Betsey C. Glazier, dau. of Lewis and Lucy (Keyes) Glazier. The same year he removed to this town. Through a prolonged and blameless life he has lived in peace and has had no contention with his fellow-men.
 - 2 I. James H., b. April 1, 1829; md. May 29, 1855, N. Rebecca Laws of Westminster; she d. Nov. 1, 1879. Mr. Bancroft is a lawyer in Worcester.
 - 3 II. Sarah W., b. Sept. 1, 1831; md. April 13, 1852, Samuel G. Piper of Lynn, where she d. July 13, 1861.
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- 4 JONATHAN O. BANCROFT, son of Jonathan, Jr., and Betsey (Parker) Bancroft, was b. Sept. 12, 1806. For a few years he was associated with his brother-in-law, John C. Glazier, in the manufacture of chairs at the

South Village, and subsequently removed to the Centre Village and became a partner in the chair business conducted by Woods, Stevens & Co. In 1833 he removed to Boston and was there engaged in the furniture trade. He md. Sept. 15, 1830, Lucinda Corey, dau. of Stephen Corey, *q. v.*

- 1 WILLIAM BARRELL, b. in Scituate Feb. 5, 1776, md. April 18, 1802, Deborah Chittenden, and very soon after his marriage he removed to the north part of Westminster. A few years subsequently his farm was annexed to Ashburnham and he remained in this town until his death Oct. 5, 1860; she d. March 25, 1852. Her name was written Abigail in the records and also Deborah.
- 2 I. William, b. July 7, 1803; d. unmd. in Ashburn-
- 3 ham Feb. 7, 1850.
- II. Maria, b. Nov. 12, 1804; md. May 5, 1828,
- 4 Nathan Wood of Westminster; she d. April 8,
- 1850.
- III. Nahum, b. April 9, 1807; md. Dec. 3, 1835,
- Martha A. Hinds. He resided in Westminster
- where he d. Dec. 20, 1874.
- 5 1. Lucy, b. Aug. 4, 1840; md. Nov. 21,
- 1861, George Dalrymple; md. (2d) Oct.
- 6 13, 1878, H. E. Smith; reside in
- Granby.
2. Ruana, b. Nov. 7, 1842; md. Chas. W.
- 7 Whitney, 2d, *q. v.*
3. William, b. Oct. 5, 1850; d. April 23,
- 1864.
- 8 IV. Betsey, b. March 6, 1810; d. unmd. May 6, 1847.
- 9 v. Lucy, b. Jan. 10, 1812; d. April 9, 1814.
- 10 VI. James, b. June 11, 1817; md. Mrs. Abbie Smith
- of Leominster.
- 11 JOHN BARRELL, son of John Barrell of Westminster,
- md. Oct. 21, 1829, Caroline Crosby, dau. of Frederick
- Crosby, *q. v.*, and from that date he resided in this town
- until he d. Aug. 22, 1841, aged 36 years,
- 12 I. Nelson, b. Dec. 9, 1830; resides in Fitchburg.
- 13 II. John Francis, b. July 23, 1832.
- 14 III. Otis, b. Feb. 23, 1835; md. 1857, Elvira L. Pratt;
- resides in Westminster.
- 15 IV. Elmer, b. May 16, 1837.

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| 16 | JOSEPH BENSON BARRELL, son of Dea. Luther Barrell of Westminster, was b. Dec. 28, 1822; md. Nov. 4, 1845, Harriet Elmira May, dau. of Sumner May, <i>q. v.</i> They resided in south part of the town and also in Westminster. He d. Oct. 22, 1881; she resides at South Village. |
| 17 | I. <i>Tyler</i> , b. May 26, 1847; d. 1848. |
| 18 | II. <i>Joseph R.</i> , b. April 13, 1849; md. Nov. 28, 1871, Rosetta Petts of Westminster; resides at South Village. |
| 19 | III. <i>Herman</i> , b. April 5, 1851; md. Sevrina N. Hill; resides in Iowa. |
| 20 | IV. <i>Frank</i> , b. July 26, 1858; md. Nov. 27, 1878, Nellie Whitney, dau. of Jonas M. Whitney of Westminster; resides at South Village. |
| 21 | V. <i>Minnetta E.</i> , b. Nov. 29, 1855; md. John H. Alcott of Waltham. She d. July 19, 1882. |
| 22 | VI. <i>Hattie Flora</i> , b. March 8, 1857; md. Charles Wood, son of Stephen Wood, <i>q. v.</i> |

BARRETT.

Early in the present century, the brothers Benjamin, Charles and Oliver Barrett removed to this town. They were b. in Ashby. About 1808 Joel Barrett, a distant relative, removed from Townsend. Their descendants are numerous and merit honorable mention in the annals of Ashburnham. In the following record of the lineage of the Barrett families, I am indebted to J. H. Potter of Concord.

In 1640 Humphrey Barrett, with three sons, came from England and settled in Concord. He d. 1662, aged 70; his wife Mary d. Aug. 15, 1663. Humphrey Barrett, Jr., b. in England 1630, md. in Concord July 17, 1661, Elizabeth Payne who d. Dec. 21, 1674; he md. (2d) March 23, 1675, Mary Potter, dau. of Dea. Luke and Mary Edmonds Potter. He was a deacon of the church in Concord and d. Jan. 3, 1716, aged 86. Mary, his wife, d. Nov. 17, 1713; aged 58. Benjamin, the second son of Dea. Humphrey and Mary (Potter) Barrett, b. May 7, 1681, md. Jan. 3, 1705, Lydia Minot; he d. Oct. 25, 1728, and she md. (2d) Samuel Stow. Benjamin, the oldest of the eight children of Benjamin and Lydia (Minot) Barrett, b. Nov. 15, 1705, md. Rebecca Jones. He d. Oct. 23, 1738, and she md. (2d) Dec. 22, 1740, Jonas Prescott of Westford. Of the four children of Benjamin and Rebecca (Jones) Barrett, Benjamin and Jonas settled in Ashby. Benjamin, b. Jan 9, 1735, md. Nov. 24, 1761, Sarah Merriam of Lexington; he md. (2d) Feb. 18, 1786, Hannah Jones who d. Dec. 8, 1831. He d. Sept. 14, 1811. There were six children of Benjamin and Sarah (Merriam) Barrett of whom the oldest was Benjamin, b. June 21, 1762. He md. Bridget Lawrence, who d. 1793. He md. (2d) 1794, Rhoda (Stearns) Wheeler, dau. of Thomas and Betty (Manning) Stearns and widow of Amos Wheeler. There were seven children by the first and two by the second marriage. These children were of the seventh generation in America. The continued record of Benjamin, Col. Charles and Oliver, sons of Benjamin and Bridget (Lawrence) Barrett is given in the following register.

Joel Barrett, who came from Mason, N. H., to Ashburnham about the same time, was a distant relative. His lineage is traced from Thomas another son of Humphrey, the emigrant ancestor. This son Thomas and wife Margaret resided in Chelmsford where he d. Aug. 8, 1668. Joseph, son of

Thomas and grandson of Humphrey the emigrant, md. Sept. 17, 1671. **Martha** Gould who d. May 15, 1698. He d. 1711. Joseph, son of Joseph, was b. in Chelmsford Feb. 24, 1690; he md. March 24, 1714, Mary Taylor. their eight children Reuben was b. 1729. He md. June 19, 1750, Sarah Fletcher of Chelmsford and removed to Northborough, and subsequently Mason, N. H., where he d. Sept. 19, 1800. His son, Joel Barrett, of the sixth generation, resided in Ashburnham and is number 37 in the following register.

- 1 BENJAMIN BARRETT, son of Benjamin and Bridget (Lawrence) Barrett, was b. in Ashby June 18, 1786. He removed to this town 1807, and md. Feb. 7, 1809, Nancy Stone, dau. of Oliver Stone, *q. v.* He served in the War of 1812. In 1830 he removed to Fitchburg, and subsequently to Newport, N. H., where he d. Aug. 3, 1883. His widow d. 1866.
 - 2 I. *Oliver Stone*, b. Dec. 9, 1809; d. Nov. 10, 1810
 - 3 II. *Nancy Stone*, b. Dec. 14, 1811; d. Sept. 17, 182
 - 4 III. *Joseph*, b. Jan. 13, 1813; md. Feb. 10, 184
Louisa Newton of Newport, N. H. He resided in Lunenburg. Five children.
 - 5 IV. *Mary*, b. Aug. 24, 1815; d. Nov. 8, 1816.
 - 6 V. *Mary*, b. July 26, 1817; md. Dec. 31, 183
Samuel Dexter Smith; she d. Dec. 31, 1839.
 - 7 VI. *Lucy*, b. June 28, 1819; md. June 14, 1842, Martin Johnson. They reside in Lunenburg. Five children.
 - 8 VII. *Ephraim S.*, b. Aug. 24, 1821; d. Nov. 20, 182
 - 9 VIII. *Benjamin*, b. Oct. 4, 1822; d. April 24, 1823.
 - 10 IX. *Edward S.*, b. Feb. 17, 1824; md. June 23, 186
Nancy Brigham; resides at Concord, N. H.
 - 11 X. *Julia M.*, b. March 8, 1826; md. April 9, 184
Samuel C. White; reside at Bergen Point, N. J. Four children.
 - 12 XI. *Caroline*, b. Feb. 15, 1828; md. June 25, 185
Francis A. White. Reside in Brookline. Four children.
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- 13 COL. CHARLES BARRETT, son of Benjamin and Bridget (Lawrence) Barrett, was b. in Ashby Feb. 21, 1781. He md. in this town Sept. 19, 1811, Sarah Hastings, dau. of Charles Hastings, *q. v.*; she d. May 7, 1815, and he md. (2d) Aug. 5, 1816, Betsey Johnson, dau. of Ephraim Johnson of Leominster. She was b. in West Newbury May 1, 1799, and d. Nov. 19, 1862. He d. June 8, 1881, aged 97 years. Col. Barrett removed to Ashburnham 1809 and resided here through a prolonged and useful life. He was urbane, affable and kind. He adhered firmly to his own convictions and opinions, yet his course

in social and public affairs was tempered with forbearance and an appreciative regard for the opinion and wishes of his associates. Manifesting at all times a deep interest in the welfare and prosperity of the town, he was a steadfast and consistent promoter of social reform and public enterprise. He was frequently elected to positions of trust and his name is many times repeated in the list of town officers. He represented the town in the Legislature in 1827, 1828 and 1843. He was commander of the Ashburnham Light Infantry and colonel of the Ninth Regiment of Militia. His military record and that of his brothers and sons appear in Chapters XVIII and XIX.

- 14 i. *Charles Hastings*, b. June 22, 1812; md. March 17, 1836, Emma H. Flint, dau. of Ebenezer Flint, *q. v.*; she d. May 25, 1865; he md. (2d) 1868, Ann Eliza (Alden) Gardner, widow of William Gardner. He resides in Norwood and is proprietor of Norwood House.
- 15 ii. *Sarah Jewett*, b. Jan. 28, 1814; md. Mirick Stimson, *q. v.*
- 16 iii. *Francis Johnson*, b. Aug. 7, 1817.†
- 17 iv. *Elizabeth Follansbee*, b. Sept. 21, 1819; d. Aug. 27, 1837.
- 18 v. *Almira Childs*, b. Feb. 12, 1823; d. Aug. 25, 1837.
- 19 vi. *George Henry*, b. Nov. 28, 1833.†

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- 20 OLIVER BARRETT, a brother of Benjamin and Col. Charles Barrett, was b. in Ashby Jan. 31, 1790. He md. Jan. 14, 1812, Betsey Stone, dau. of Oliver Stone, *q. v.* In 1832 he removed to Lowell and subsequently to Shirley. His wife d. Sept. 20, 1842, and he md. (2d) 1843, Mrs. Sophia Wheeler. He d. in Shirley Feb. 8, 1880. He was a deacon of the Baptist church thirty years and a useful citizen. Twelve children by first marriage; one by second marriage d. in infancy.

- 21 i. *Oliver Stone*, b. July 13, 1812; md. Sept. 2, 1834, Lucy Wyman; md. (2d) Josephine Clark; residence Malden.
- 22 ii. *John Otis*, b. April 18, 1815; md. April 13, 1839, Harriet S. Richardson, who d. Dec. 19, 1873; resides in Townsend.
- 23 iii. *Cynthia Eliza*, b. March 24, 1817; md. Sept. 24, 1843, Joseph J. Waters; she d. June 1, 1862.
- 24 iv. *George Benjamin*, b. May 10, 1819; md. Nov. 24, 1857, Nancy Haradon who d. Aug. 2, 1861. He md. (2d) Anna Potter; he d. about 1870.

- 25 v. *Clarissa Davis*, b. May 22, 1821; md. Adolphus Priest; resides in Shirley.
- 26 vi. *Thomas Parker*, b. July 5, 1823; md. March 21, 1848, *Sophia Sawtelle*. He d. in Malden Jan. 27, 1872.
- 27 vii. *Ephraim Cobleigh*, b. July 26, 1825; md. Martha Tenney of Littleton; she d. July 17, 1877. He md. (2d) Mrs. Hannah Nutting. Resides in Waltham.
- 28 viii. *Emily Augusta*, b. Aug. 8, 1827; d. July 30, 1829.
- 29 ix. *Henry A.*, b. Sept. 7, 1830; d. Jan. 2, 1831.
- 30 x. *Emily Ann*, b. Nov. 14, 1831; md. William E. Potter of Fitchburg.
- 31 xi. *Nancy Stone*, b. May 2, 1835; md. April 17, 1857, Oliver Norris who d. May 12, 1862; she md. (2d) Amasa Whitney; resides in New Bedford.
- 32 xii. *Owen Tracey*, b. Oct. 5, 1838; md. Louisa Stone. He d. in Shirley Nov. 5, 1879.

(16) COL. FRANCIS JOHNSON BARRETT, son of Col. Charles Barrett, was a merchant and manufacturer. He was of the firm of Corey, Barrett & Kibling. They owned the mill now of Robert W. McIntire and a chair factory on Water street. The store was where Mrs. Winchester now resides. Col. Barrett was a man of generous impulse and enjoyed the merited regard of his associates. He was prominent in military affairs and at an early age rose to the command of his regiment. He md. May 7, 1839, Nancy Bemis, dau. of William Bemis, *q. v.* He d. Oct. 10, 1851; she d. Dec. 10, 1864.

- 33 1. *Emma Almira*, b. Sept. 13, 1840; md. John H. Wilkins, *q. v.*
- 34 ii. *Charles Francis*, b. April 13, 1842; d. July 4, 1843.
- 35 iii. *Lizzie F.*, b. April 7, 1846; resides in Ashburnham.

(19) COL. GEORGE H. BARRETT, son of Col. Charles Barrett resides in this town and is proprietor of the grain-mill on Water street. He was Lieut.-Col. of the 53d Regiment Mass. Infantry, and represented the district in the Legislature in the session of 1869. Since 1873 he has been a member of the Board of Trustees of Cushing Academy and Secretary of the Board since 1876. He md. Nov. 30, 1854, Mary S. Greenwood, dau. of Edmund R. and Susan H. (Slocomb) Greenwood of Hubbardston.

- 36 1. *Grace Greenwood*, b. July 16, 1861; d. May 7, 1881.
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- 37 **JOEL BARRETT**, son of Reuben and Sarah (Fletcher) Barrett, was b. in Mason, N. H. He md. Oct. 22, 1793, Mercy Townsend, dau. of Samuel and Hannah (Lawrence) Townsend. She was b. in Northborough, but her parents removed to Mason previous to her marriage. She was a sister of the wives of Samuel Dunster. Mr. Barrett removed to this town previous to 1802. She d. April 3, 1823, aged 48 years, and he md. (2d) May 31, 1827, Judith Green. He d. March 19, 1841. Of the children of Joel and Mercy (Townsend) Barrett, there is no record of birth. In 1815 six were bap. Possibly all are not named below.
- 38 1. *Joel*, b. about 1794; md. April 12, 1818, Hannah Marble, dau. of Oliver Marble, *q. v.* He d. Nov. 30, 1820. She md. (2d) Joseph Miller, *q. v.* One child.
- 39 1. Joel, bap. 1820.
- 40 II. *Hannah*, b. 1796; d. Sept. 29, 1810.
- 41 III. *Samuel*, b. Aug. 14, 1798.+
- 42 IV. *Sarah Fletcher*, b. June 17, 1801; md. Sept. 24, 1823, John Emory, son of Francis and Eunice (Philbrick) Emory of Winchendon. She d. May 9, 1830, leaving three children.
- 43 1. Jane, md. Henry O. Blanchard; removed to Wisconsin.
- 44 2. Maria, md. David M. Parker; removed to Wisconsin.
- 45 3. Justin, md. Elizabeth Barber.
- 46 V. *Townsend*, b. 1804.+
- 47 VI. *Betsey*, md. April 10, 1835, Joseph White of Worcester.
- 48 VII. *Reuben*, md. Sept. 3, 1835, Rebecca Crombie, dau. of James and Mary (Wright) Crombie of Rindge; he d. in Amherst 1870.
- 49 VIII. *Hannah Dunster*, b. July 11, 1812; md. March 8, 1832, Calvin Learned of Dublin, N. H., son of John W. and Hannah (Wright) Learned.
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- (41) **SAMUEL BARRETT** was an active citizen. Postmaster several years and engaged in several business affairs. He md. Sept. 3, 1826, Nancy G. Lawrence, dau. of Dea.

William J. Lawrence, *q. v.* He d. Oct. 26, 1851. Still resides in Springfield, Ohio.

50 I. *Edwin Lawrence*, b. Aug. 20, 1827; md. Jan. 1848, Sarah B. Petts, dau. of Dr. John Petts she d. Oct. 18, 1865. He md. (2d) March 18 1867, Clara D. Husley, dau. of William Husley of Nashville, Tenn. He resides in Springfield Ohio, and in connection with two of his sons in a stationer and publisher. Eight children.

51 II. *Elvira Elizabeth*, b. July 3, 1829; d. June 10 1832.

52 III. *Ellen Maria*, b. Aug. 16, 1831; md. April 27 1852, Rev. Edward W. Root; md. (2d) Aug 30, 1865, J. W. Van Sickle. Resides in Springfield, Ohio.

(46) TOWNSEND BARRETT was a farmer in this town. II md. Jan. 23, 1830, Sarah Wheeler of Templeton; she d. Dec. 22, 1846, and he md. (2d) Elvira Stowell, dau. of Moses Stowell, *q. v.* He d. April 10, 1871. His widow resides in this town.

53 I. *Nancy C.*, b. Oct. 22, 1830; md. Jan. 1, 1850 Charles N. Scollay, *q. v.*

54 II. *Charles S.*, b. March 25, 1833; d. Oct. 31, 1846

55 III. *Eliza A.*, b. April 9, 1835; md. C. W. Upham.

56 IV. *George W.*, b. Nov. 14, 1837.

57 V. *Hannah E.*, b. Oct. 31, 1839.

58 VI. *J. Frank*, b. Jan. 16, 1841; was killed at the battle of Cold Harbor, June 3, 1864.

59 VII. *Abbie*, b. June 20, 1844; d. Dec. 29, 1846.

Children of second wife:

60 VIII. *Laura*, md. 1867, George W. Whipple.

61 IX. *Emily*, md. 1868, Frederick R. Whipple.

62 X. *Mary*, b. Sept. 21, 1856; md. Arthur Lamb of Templeton.

63 XI. *Susan*, b. June 9, 1858; d. Dec. 19, 1874.

64 XII. *Eddie*, b. Oct. 3, 1860; d. Jan. 1, 1861.

65 XIII. *Helen*, b. April 14, 1863.

66 XIV. *Herbert S.*, b. Jan. 24, 1869.

1 JOHN BATES was one of the early settlers of Ashburnham. He removed from Westford to the northeast part of the town about 1750. He was one of the original members of the church, and at the first election of town officers he was chosen an assessor. When Ashby was incorporated in 1767 his land was included within the limits of that town. He md. in Westford Jan. 7, 1744

Martha Foster of Littleton. A dau. Martha was bap. in Lunenburg Aug. 6, 1749, but no further record of this family has been found.

BEALS.

This name was generally written Beal or Beale by the early generations of the family in America, and many branches of the family still retain the original form. The town of Hingham was settled largely by emigrants from Hingham in the county of Norfolk, England. The ship *Diligent*, John Martin, master, brought a number of families who were prominent in the early annals of Hingham and whose descendants are found in nearly every hamlet in our country.

John Beal, while a resident of Hingham, England, md. Nazareth Hobart, a sister of Rev. Edmund Hobart, the first minister of Hingham in New England. With his wife and eight children he sailed in the *Diligent* in 1638. In the same vessel came the emigrant ancestor of the Cushing families of Ashburnham. Mr. Beal was admitted freeman in March, 1639. His wife d. Sept. 23, 1658; he md. (2d) March 10, 1658-9, Mrs. Mary Jacob, widow of Nicholas Jacob. She d. 1681, and he, at the age of 100 years, d. April 1, 1688.

Lieut. Jeremiah Beal, his son, was b. in England 1631; md. Nov. 18, 1652, Sarah Ripley, dau. of William Ripley of Hingham. He d. Aug. 10, 1716; his wife d. June 20, 1715. Of their seven children the eldest, Jeremiah, Jr., b. May 13, 1655, md. May 22, 1677, Hannah Lane, dau. of Andrew Lane. He was a farmer and a blacksmith; d. at Hingham April 21, 1703; his wife, surviving him, d. Sept. 19, 1719. Andrew Beal, son of Jeremiah and Hannah (Lane) Beal, b. Jan. 27, 1685-6, md. Dec. 14, 1715, Rachel Bates, dau. of Joshua Bates. They had four sons and one daughter. The youngest son was Abel Beal, b. 1737; md. March 11, 1755, Deborah Lambert. He d. April 20, 1809; she d. Oct. 1, 1810. They had ten children. In this lineage all the generations to this date resided in Hingham.

Cohasset was created out of a part of Hingham in 1770, and Abel Beal resided in the new town after that date. Stowers Beals, youngest son of Abel and Deborah (Lambert) Beal, was the first in this line of descent to write the name with the additional letter. He was b. in Hingham March 20, 1767, and resided in Cohasset after he was three years of age, and until he removed to Winchendon. He md. Mary Leavitt of Hingham. He d. May 23, 1821. His widow d. June 20, 1839. They had four children.

- 1 | GEORGE LEAVITT BEALS, son of Stowers and Mary (Leavitt) Beals, was b. in Winchendon Oct. 11, 1800. He md. Jan. 11, 1827, Nancy Norcross, b. Jan. 13, 1806, dau. of Capt. Daniel and Polly (Jones) Norcross of Rindge. In 1836 he bought the farm and a large tract of timber land of Frederick Crosby and removed to this town. He built a mill on the premises and was engaged in the manufacture of lumber until he sold the property in 1847 to the Burrage Bros. and soon after returned to Winchendon. His wife d. Oct. 25, 1881. He d. June 5, 1886. Two of their seven children were b. in this town.

- 2 | 1. *Mary Leavitt*, b. Nov. 20, 1827; md. Jan. 3, 1849, John M. Whitney, son of Hananiah and

- Sarah (Beaman) Whitney of Winchendon. F
d. Dec. 2, 1883; she d. May 14, 1883. Two
children.
- 3 II. *George Leavitt*, b. Jan. 11, 1830. +
- 4 III. *Nancy Elizabeth*, b. Sept. 21, 1831; d. April 2
1833.
- 5 IV. *Infant*, b. and d. July 23, 1833.
- 6 V. *Charles Leavitt*, b. May 6, 1835; md. Jan. 2
1869, Harriet Martha Brown, b. April 9, 184
dau. of George and Harriet E. (Osgood) Brov
of Winchendon. He is treasurer of Savin
Bank and for many years cashier of Fin
National Bank of Winchendon.
- 7 VI. *Nancy Elizabeth*, b. April 26, 1837; d. May
1855.
- 8 VII. *Martha Ellen*, b. April 14, 1844; d. Jan. 31, 185
- (3) GEORGE L. BEALS, b. Jan. 11, 1830, md. Jan. 1, 185
Lydia Farrar, dau. of John and Calla (Stearns) Farr
q. v. He resides in the west part of the town a
occupies a portion of the property formerly owned by l
father, and is engaged in the manufacture of lumbe
Two children.
- 9 I. *Frank Learitt*, b. Jan. 21, 1854; md. Oct. 1
1877, Nellie Isadore Kimball, b. Feb. 15, 185
dau. of John A. and C. Anna (Corey) Kimba
- 10 II. *John Farrar*, b. Feb. 23, 1860; md. Nov. 26, 188
Edith Whitney Day, b. June 27, 1866, dau.
Daniel and Jennie (Parkhurst) Day of Winche
don.

BEMIS.

JOSEPH BEMIS, b. in England 1619, settled in Watertown previous to 16
He was a selectman 1648, 1672 and 1675. He d. Aug. 7, 1684. The na
of his wife was Sarah, but no record of the marriage is found; she d. ab
1712. Among the nine children of Joseph and Sarah Bemis was Joseph, J
b. Dec. 12, 1651. So far as known no record of his family is preserved.

Philip Bemis was probably his son. This Philip Bemis, b. about 1700
found residing in Cambridge from 1723 to 1738. He md. Nov. 21, 17
Elizabeth Lawrence and removed to Westminster in 1738. He was the th
settler in that town and a man of influence and character. The youngest
six children was Zaccheus, bap. in Cambridge July 25, 1736. Zacche
Bemis md. Elizabeth Lyon and lived in Westminster where he d. 18
Among his children was Stephen Bemis who removed to this town and
number 1 in the following register. Another son of Zaccheus was Willi
Bemis, b. Jan. 11, 1777; md. Nov. 23, 1799, Hannah Derby, dau of Jo
and Hannah (Garey) Derby. She was b. in Westminster Nov. 17, 17
He was a farmer and a blacksmith in Westminster where he d. Oct. 8, 18
His widow d. in this town Aug. 12, 1861. Of their eleven children seve
have resided in this town. William is number 13 and John is number 16
following record; Lorette md. Brigham Wallace, q. v.; Hannah md. Al
Kendall, q. v.; Nancy md. Col. Francis J. Barrett, q. v.; and Ruth md. Cha
F. Johnson, q. v.

There are other families of Bemis in this town whose lineage is traced through other branches of the same general family. Albert T. Bemis is a descendant of John Bemis the youngest son of Joseph Bemis the emigrant. John, the son, was b. in Watertown in Aug., 1659. He md., about 1680, Mary Harrington, dau. of George and Susannah Harrington; she d. Sept. 8, 1716. He md. (2d) Feb. 27, 1716-17, Sarah (Holland) Phillips, widow of Jonathan Phillips, and (3d) May 30, 1726, Judith (Jennison) Barnard, widow of James Barnard and dau. of Samuel and Judith (Macomber) Jennison. He resided many years in Watertown and owned lands in Marlborough, but no record of his death has been found. His first wife was the mother of his fourteen children. Of these John Bemis was b. Oct. 6, 1686. He md. May 8, 1710, Hannah Warren, b. Jan. 25, 1690-1, dau. of Daniel and Elizabeth (Whitney) Warren. He md. (2d) April 2, 1718, Anna Livermore, b. 1690, dau. of Samuel and Anna (Bridge) Livermore. John Bemis, the eldest of the thirteen children of John and Anna (Livermore) Bemis, was b. in Watertown Feb. 11, 1711-12. He removed to Weston where he md. Feb. 16, 1731-2, Hannah Warren, b. April 28, 1715, dau. of Capt. Daniel and Hannah (Bigelow) Warren. The eldest of their twelve children was John Bemis, b. Aug. 28, 1732. He removed to Sudbury and md., about 1754, Abigail Sanders, and in Sudbury the following children were b.: Jonas, b. 1757; Jason, b. 1759; Silas, b. 1760; Amos, b. 1763; Abigail, b. 1764; Reuben, Abel and John. About 1780 the parents, John and Abigail Bemis, with their children, removed from Sudbury to Winchendon. The son Jonas had served in the Revolution previous to their removal. He md. Catherine Tower of Sudbury and subsequently removed from Winchendon to Royalston where he d. 1831. Jonas Bemis, son of Jonas and Catherine (Tower) Bemis, was b. in Winchendon Aug. 11, 1788. He md. May 13, 1813, Mercy Burgess, dau. of Ebenezer Burgess of Ashburnham. He removed to Royalston where he d. June 24, 1824. His widow md. (2d) William Whitney, *q. v.* Albert T. Bemis, who is number 20 in the following register, is of the eighth generation in this line of descent from Joseph Bemis the emigrant.

Another lineage of this family is represented by Justin W. Bemis. He is a descendant of John Bemis named above who was b. 1686. Elisha Bemis, son of this John by the second wife Anna Livermore, was b. March 20, 1725-6; he md. Feb. 15, 1748-9, Lucy Elton of Lexington. His son, Elisha Bemis, Jr., b. 1753, md. Anna Newton and removed to Southboro where he d. 1817. Elijah Bemis, his son, b. June 28, 1778, md. Oct. 9, 1805, Sally Woolson. He d. Aug. 1, 1844. Elijah Bemis, his son, b. in Southboro Feb. 20, 1815, removed to Northboro; he md. March 20, 1840, Susan Newton; she d. June 16, 1845; he md. (2d) Feb. 28, 1846, Julia A. Newton. Among their children is Justin W. Bemis of this town who is of the eighth generation from Joseph the emigrant.

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- 1 STEPHEN BEMIS, son of Zaccheus and Elizabeth (Lyon) Bemis, was b. in Westminster March 16, 1768; md. 1796, Achsah Pollard, dau. of William Pollard, *q. v.* In 1806 he removed to this town where he d. July 18, 1841.
 - 2 I. *Stephen*, b. June 16, 1797; d. young.
 - 3 II. *William*, b. Aug. 22, 1798; d. young.
 - 4 III. *Dolly*, b. March 6, 1801; md. Arnold Dwight of Dover.
 - 5 IV. *Hannah*, b. Nov. 24, 1802; md. Samuel Danforth of Fitchburg and removed to Salem where she d. June 10, 1880.

- v. *Stephen*, b. March 20, 1804; md. Miriam Farwell of Fitchburg; removed to Nashua, Ill.
 - 7 vi. *Sylvia*, b. Oct. 20, 1805; d. Feb. 23, 1849.
 - 8 vii. *Achsah*, b. May 14, 1807; md. Oct. 29. 1827, Lincoln Hart of Townsend; md. (2d) May 14, 1833, Bradish Baker, *q. v.*
 - 9 viii. *Betsey*, b. Feb. 14, 1809; md. 1836, James S. Mills of Dunbarton, N. H.
 - 10 ix. *William P.*, b. April 6, 1810; md. Sally Blodgett; d. in Salisbury, Conn., Sept. 26, 1866.
 - 11 x. *Samuel*, b. Jan. 13, 1812; md. 1834, Mary Pettengill; d. in California 1878.
 - 12 xi. *Zaccheus*, b. Jan. 1, 1814; md. Maria Garfield; he d. in West Cambridge May 9, 1844.
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- 13 WILLIAM BEMIS, son of William and Hannah (Derby) Bemis, b. Jan. 2, 1808, md. April 14, 1836, Elizabeth B. Beard, dau. of Artemas and Mary (Chaplin) Beard of Fitzwilliam, N. H. He d. March 23, 1881; she d. April 29, 1877.
 - 14 i. *Sarah E.*, b. Oct. 20, 1837; md. George C. Foster, *q. v.*
 - 15 ii. *Francis W.*, b. April 3. 1844; md. March 26, 1875, Emily Stoddard of Templeton, dau. of Nathan and Mary (Colcord) Stoddard. Two children.
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- 16 JOHN BEMIS, son of William and Hannah (Derby) Bemis, b. Dec. 28, 1819, md. Dec. 19, 1844, Lucy R. Sawtell, dau. of Asa Sawtell, *q. v.* He resided in Ashburnham until 1868 when he removed to New York City, where he d. Jan. 26, 1879.
 - 17 i. *Georgiana*, b. Feb. 17, 1847; resides in New York.
 - 18 ii. *Frank*, b. Dec. 21, 1850; md. Jan. 26, 1878, Lillian M. English; he d. at Palmer Nov. 9, 1884.
 - 19 iii. *Hattie L.*, b. Nov. 22, 1860.
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- 20 ALBERT T. BEMIS, b. May 17, 1816, son of Jonas and Mercy (Burgess) Bemis, has resided in this town since youth. He md. Aug. 28, 1842, Sarah Hastings, dau. of John Hastings, *q. v.* He is a farmer and owns and occupies the farm where Dea. Sherebiah Hunt settled.
 - 21 i. *Charles A.*, b. Sept. 22, 1843. He is a physician in West Medway. *Vide* Chap. XX. He md. Dec. 14, 1872, Lizzie Thompson of Philadelphia.

- 22 II. *Herbert G.*, b. Nov. 1, 1844 ; md. Gertie Kirkland ;
resides in Manashoe, Wis.
- 23 III. *Frank T.*, b. April 25, 1847 ; md. Gertie Denni-
son ; resides in Sheboygan, Wis.
- 24 IV. *Lizzie*, b. Sept. 23, 1848 ; md. Orange Mossman.
- 25 V. *Sarah*, b. Oct. 14, 1850 ; d. Feb. 18, 1851.
- 26 VI. *J. Clifton*, b. Nov. 11, 1851 ; d. Feb. 18, 1853.
- 27 VII. *Sarah*, b. Aug. 28, 1853 ; d. Feb. 14, 1863.
- 28 VIII. *Anna M.*, b. July 8, 1855.
- 29 IX. *Fannie J.*, b. Nov. 13, 1857 ; d. Feb. 11, 1863.
- 30 X. *Freddie N.*, b. Jan. 10, 1859 ; d. Feb. 10, 1863.
- 31 XI. *Arthur E.*, b. Oct. 4, 1862 ; d. Feb. 9, 1863.
- 32 XII. *Alice J.*, b. March 3, 1865.

- 33 JUSTIN W. BEMIS, b. April 6, 1853, son of Elijah Bemis of Northborough, md. Dec. 31, 1877, Lizzie G. Mirick, dau. of John A. and Kezia (Pierce) Mirick of Princeton. She was b. March 27, 1855, and d. June 23, 1884. He has resided in Ashburnham since 1878 and at present is one of the road commissioners. Two children, one of whom d. in infancy.

BENJAMIN.

JOHN BENJAMIN, the emigrant ancestor of the families of this name in Ashburnham, came from England to America 1632, and in November of that year was admitted freeman. He was one of the proprietors and in 1633 a constable of Cambridge. He subsequently removed to Watertown where he d. June 14, 1645, leaving a widow, Abigail, and eight children. Of these the eldest son was John, b. in England 1620. By wife Lydia he had eight children. He d. in Watertown Dec. 22, 1706. Daniel, son of John and Lydia Benjamin, was b. in Watertown Sept. 12, 1660. He md. March 25, 1687, Elizabeth Brown, b. Sept. 19, 1664, dau. of Jonathan and Mary (Shattuck) Brown. He was a licensed innholder 1694-9. He d. in Watertown Dec. 13, 1719 ; his widow d. Aug. 8, 1740. Jonathan, a son of Daniel Benjamin, md. Dec. 23, 1714, Annabelle Eve ; he md. (2d) May 7, 1734, Hannah (Cunnable) Bond, dau. of John and Martha Cunnable and widow of William Bond of Watertown. He d. in Watertown 1741 or 1742.

- 1 WILLIAM BENJAMIN, youngest son of Jonathan and Hannsh Benjamin, was b. in Watertown Jan. 16, 1737-8. He md. Jan. 2, 1760, Sarah Child, dau. of Daniel and Mary (Bright) Child. She was b. in Waltham Aug. 11, 1740. They removed to this town 1760. The father and two sons were in the Revolutionary service from this town. Soon after the Revolution the family removed to Woodstock, Vt. Ten children were b. in this town.

- 2 I. *Jonathan*, b. July 30, 1760.+
- 3 II. *Jonas*, b. May 5, 1762 ; md. Aug. 2, 1785, Mercy Salter, dau. of Samuel Salter, q. v. He was of Woodstock, Vt., at date of marriage.

- 4 III. *William*, b. Aug. 1, 1764.
- 5 IV. *Sarah*, b. Aug. 2, 1766.
- 6 V. *Josiah*, b. June 19, 1763.
- 7 VI. *Lucy*, b. July 7, 1771.
- 8 VII. *Molly*, b. July 11, 1773.
- 9 VIII. *Hannah*, b. Aug. 7, 1775.
- 10 IX. *Levi*, b. Sept. 7, 1777.
- 11 X. *Asa*, bap. June 30, 1782.

(2) JONATHAN BENJAMIN md. Oct. 30, 1780, Anise Holt.
He removed with his father to Woodstock, Vt.

- 12 I. *Jonathan*, bap. April 27, 1782.
- 13 II. *Anise*, bap. Jan. 26, 1783.
- 14 III. *Lemuel*.

15 DANIEL BENJAMIN, lineage not traced, removed to
Ashburnham 1778. He md. Nov. 10, 1779, Tamezin
Felton, a sister of the wife of Lemuel Stimson. This
family resided on the farm more recently occupied by
Samuel Keyes in the north part of the town. He d.
May 12, 1819; she d. March 20, 1843. Their ten chil-
dren were b. in this town.

- 16 I. *Eunice*, b. Dec. 6, 1780; md. Jan. 12, 1813,
John R. Kemp of Fitchburg where she d. 1820.
- 17 II. *Daniel*, b. March 6, 1783. +
- 18 III. *Nahum*, b. Feb. 20, 1785. +
- 19 IV. *Tamezin*, b. May 16, 1787; d. unmd. 1862.
- 20 V. *Nabby*, b. June 17, 1789; md. Samuel Keyes,
q. v.
- 21 VI. *Sally*, b. March 14, 1792; md. Oct. 15, 1815,
Dea. John Hunt of Boston, a son of John and
Rebecca (Hicks) Hunt of Watertown. She d.
March 31, 1837. Eight children. He md.
(2d) a woman of the same name, Sally Benjamin,
but not connected with the Ashburnham families.
- 22 1. John M., b. Oct. 6, 1816; d. Jan. 6, 1839.
- 23 2. Sarah Elizabeth, b. Aug. 6, 1818; d. July
9, 1821.
- 24 3. Harriet A., b. Jan. 18, 1821.
- 25 4. Maria Charlotte, b. Feb. 5, 1825.
- 26 5. William A., b. March 13, 1827; md.
Inez M. White.
- 27 6. Emily, b. Sept. 26, 1829.
- 28 7. Clarissa, d. young.
- 29 8. George E., b. Nov. 12, 1836.

- 30 VII. *Lydia*, md. Sept. 18, 1814, Charles Damon of Wayland.
- 31 VIII. *Samuel How*, b. 1797; d. May 1, 1801.
- 32 IX. *Lovisa*, b. April 8, 1801; md. — Cram; md. (2d) — Moore of Boston.
- 33 X. *Irene*, b. Feb. 20, 1805; md. Emery Willard, son of John Willard, *q. v.*

- (17) DANIEL BENJAMIN, JR., resided on the farm now of D. D. McIntire. He md. 1806, Rachel Wetherell of Mansfield; she d. Dec. 17, 1838. He md. (2d) March 4, 1840, Betsey (McIntire) Billings, widow of Joshua Billings, *q. v.* He d. June 10, 1865; she d. Oct., 1863.

- 34 I. *Stillman D.*, b. Nov. 4, 1807.†
- 35 II. *Samuel H.*, b. Nov. 10, 1809; md. Tamezin Hunt, dau. of Peter Hunt, *q. v.* He removed to Ashby where he d. Jan. 18, 1879; she d. Aug. 28, 1869. No children.
- 36 III. *Louisa Rachel*, b. July 15, 1816; md. 1837, Ai Foster of Ashby, son of Jonathan Foster of Ashby. She d. Feb. 3, 1878.
- 37 IV. *Lonenza* (twin), b. July 15, 1816; d. Feb. 17, 1817.

- (18) NAHUM BENJAMIN md. 1810, Judith Reed, dau. of Supply Reed of Acworth, N. H., and a sister of the wife of Ebenezer Jones. He resided several years near the residence of his brother Daniel. The family removed to the West many years ago.

- 38 I. *Susan Reed*, b. July 31, 1811.
- 39 II. *Sarah Eliza*, b. Aug. 31, 1814.
- 40 III. *Timothy Nahum*, b. Dec. 4, 1817.
- 41 IV. *Supply*.
- 42 V. *Harriet*.
- 43 VI. *Alzina*.

- (34) STILLMAN D. BENJAMIN md. April 4, 1832, Mary Foster, dau. of Nathaniel Foster, *q. v.* He removed about 1840 to Shirley Village, where he now resides. She d. Dec. 25, 1882.

- 44 I. *Sidney Wendell*, b. May 25, 1833; md. Jan. 22, 1873, Mary Harris, dau. of Humphrey Harris, *q. v.* Resides in Shirley.
- 45 II. *Viola D.*, b. Aug. 4, 1836; md. 1865, Stephen H. Kimball of Ipswich.

46 III. *Mary Jane*, b. March 24, 1841 ; md. Lorenzo L.
Brown of Harvard.

47 IV. *Frances Ann*, b. Oct. 24, 1845.

1 CAPT. JAMES BENNETT, a son of Moses and Anna (Blanchard) Bennett, was b. in Groton Dec. 5, 1736. He md. Hannah ——. His eldest child was b. in Rowley ; the second in Townsend ; the next five in Ashby. His wife d. in Ashby and he md. (2d) Dec. 14, 1784, Olive Shattuck, dau. of John and Elizabeth Shattuck of Pepperell where she was b. Jan. 27, 1753. Capt. Bennett removed from Ashby to the northeast part of this town about 1784 and was a prominent citizen here until, by a change in boundary lines, his homestead was annexed to Ashby in 1792. Two children of the second wife were b. in this town and the youngest in Ashby. Capt. Bennett was an officer in the Revolutionary army. He d. Aug. 9, 1808. His widow md. Jan. 25, 1816, Nehemiah Hardy of Hollis.

- 2 I. *Betsey*, b. April 1, 1766 ; md. John Hall, *q. v.*
- 3 II. *Hannah*, b. Sept. 23, 1767 ; md. (Int. Dec. 15, 1787), Allen Stone : resided in Thomaston, Me.
- 4 III. *Asa*, b. April 20, 1770 ; removed to Thomaston, Me.
- 5 IV. *Milly*, b. April 13, 1772 ; md. Nov. 29, 1792, Jonathan Spaulding, *q. v.*
- 6 V. *Sewell*, b. Feb. 18, 1774.
- 7 VI. *Quincy*, b. Sept. 15, 1775.
- 8 VII. *Almon*, b. Sept. 10, 1778. +
- 9 VIII. *Eliab*, b. Jan. 19, 1789 ; d. unmd. May 4, 1815, the day appointed for his marriage.
- 10 IX. *James Hervey*, b. Nov. 22, 1791 ; md. Oct. 22, 1820, Winifred Knowles. He was in the West India goods trade in Boston until 1845. He subsequently resided in Lexington.
- 11 X. *Sarah*, b. Aug. 7, 1795 ; md. 1816, William Wright of Pepperell.

(8) ALMON BENNETT md. May 19, 1802, Elizabeth Constantine, dau. of Jacob Constantine, *q. v.* He resided successively in East Wallingford, Vt., in this town and in Ashby, where he d. Jan. 3, 1857 ; she d. Sept. 2, 1842.

- 12 I. *Emma*, b. Aug. 10, 1802 ; md. Jan. 6, 1827, Charles Wellington, son of Elias and Hepsibah (Kendall) Wellington of Ashby. She d. Jan. 25, 1882.

- 13 1. Ellen Maria, b. Nov. 4, 1829.
- 14 2. Cecil, b. Aug. 10, 1835.
- 15 II. Phila, b. April 19, 1805; d. Aug. 24, 1847.
- 16 III. Alma, b. March 18, 1807; d. April 6, 1815.
- 17 IV. Adaline Eliza, b. Oct. 5, 1811; d. April 12, 1815.
- 18 V. Hervey James, b. Aug. 28, 1814; md. Lucy Buss
of Sterling; d. in Worcester Dec. 8, 1846.
Four children.
- 19 VI. Charles, b. Jan. 15, 1821; d. in Springfield, Ky.,
1857.

20 THOMAS BENNETT, probably a son of Thomas and Lydia
Bennett, was from Groton. He md. Sept. 5, 1794,
Catherine Wilker, dau. of Jacob Wilker, *q. v.* They
resided in Ashburnham and in Ashby. He d. in Ashby
Dec. 31, 1828. She subsequently removed to Concord,
Vt., where she d. Feb. 10, 1862, aged 86 years. They
had eleven children.

21 I. Annie, md. John S. Temple; lived in Concord,
Vt.; d. May 28, 1871.

22 II. Asa, md. 1823, Laura Constantine, dau. of Jacob
Constantine, Jr.; he resided in Ashburnham.
She md. (2d) John Adams, Jr., *q. v.*

23 1. George P., removed to Florida.

24 2. Augustus N., removed to Cambridge.

25 3. Laura Jane, md. Dec. 22, 1845, John L.
Atherton, son of Percy Atherton of
Jaffrey, N. H.

26 4. Austin C., resides in Worcester.

27 III. Susan, b. July 6, 1798; d. unmd. Feb. 6, 1876.

28 IV. Melinda, b. Feb. 6, 1801; md. Sept. 5, 1829,
Reuben Hodgman; d. in Ashby March 19, 1877.

29 V. Thomas, d. at Concord, Vt., unmd., March 9, 1871.

30 VI. Danford, md. Mary Stacy; removed to Concord,
Vt.

31 VII. Orin.

32 VIII. Martha, b. Feb. 29, 1812; md. Joel Whipple;
resided in Concord, Vt.

33 IX. Jacob W., md. May 18, 1843. Roxanna Manning
of Ashby. Resides in Ashby.

34 X. John, d. unmd.

35 XI. George, md. Mary Blanchard; md. (2d) Jan. 20,
1853, Maria Foeter; resides in Townsend.

36 THOMAS BENNETT removed to this town about 1824 and
remained a number of years. He was interested in the

saw-mill now of Leonard Foster. He was a son of Thomas and Mary Bennett and was b. in Gardner Jan. 14, 1798; md. Emma Foster, dau. of Nathaniel Foster, q. v. The eldest child was b. in Gardner; the others in this town. He removed from this town nearly forty years ago and d. in Athol 1884.

- 37 I. *Mary Ann*, b. Oct. 24, 1823.
- 38 II. *Nancy Maria*, b. Nov. 28, 1825.
- 39 III. *Albert Thomas*, b. Oct. 3, 1827.
- 40 IV. *Helen Augusta*, b. Sept. 10, 1829.
- 41 V. *Samuel Foster*, b. Aug. 25, 1831.
- 42 VI. *George Anson*, b. June 30, 1833.

JOHN and NATHAN BIGELOW probably were brothers. They came to Ashburnham about 1768; were married the same day and both removed from this town a short time previous to 1787.

- 1 JOHN BIGELOW md. Sept. 11, 1770, Mary Melvin. Six children were b. in this town.
- 2 I. *John*, b. Dec. 12, 1771; d. Dec. 25, 1771.
- 3 II. *Jonathan*, b. Jan. 25, 1773.
- 4 III. *Silas*, b. May 7, 1775.
- 5 IV. *John*, b. July 3, 1777; d. Aug. 2, 1777.
- 6 V. *Amos*, b. July 5, 1778.
- 7 VI. *Isaac*, b. Oct. 27, 1780.
- 8 NATHAN BIGELOW md. Sept. 11, 1770, Elizabeth Oak.
- 9 I. *Ieri*, b. July 13, 1771.
- 10 II. *Nathan*, b. Jan. 27, 1773.
- 11 III. *Betty*, b. Sept. 17, 1774.
- 12 IV. *Jonathan Oak*, b. July 22, 1776.
- 13 SILAS BIGELOW resided in this town a few years preceding 1786, and about that time he removed to New Ipswich, N. H. He was a son of John and Grace (Allen) Bigelow who resided in Weston, Acton, Westford and New Ipswich. Silas Bigelow was b. Feb. 12, 1745. He was md. and had sons: Silas, Daniel, Samuel, Joel and John, but no reference to the elder children appears in the records of this town. In New Ipswich he was an innholder. Two children were b. in this town.
- 14 I. *Infant*, d. Aug. 1, 1783.
- 15 II. *Joseph*, bap. Nov. 13, 1785; d. Jan., 1786.
- 1 JOSHUA BILLINGS bought a part of Cambridge farm of Capt. Thomas Adams in 1772 and removed to this town

the same year. He md. Lois Gibson. He d. May 17, 1799; she d. May 27, 1820.

- 2 I. *Joshua*, b. Jan. 25, 1773. +
- 3 II. *Reuben*, b. May 11, 1774. +
- 4 III. *Jonathan*, bap. 1776.
- 5 IV. *Lois*, bap. 1777; d. Dec. 11, 1777.
- 6 V. *Lois Gibson*, b. Feb. 1, 1779; md. Joseph Fairbanks Burgess, *q. v.*
- 7 VI. *Ephraim*, bap. 1782; d. Sept. 4, 1782.
- 8 VII. *Dorothy*, b. July 1, 1783; md. Nov. 27, 1806, Ephraim Wyman Lord of Ashby.
- 9 VIII. *Sarah*, b. April 20, 1786; md. Daniel McIntire, *q. v.*
- 10 IX. *James*, b. Jan. 28, 1792. +

- (2) JOSHUA BILLINGS, JR., md. Feb. 16, 1802, Molly Pollard, dau. of William Pollard. *q. v.* She d. Dec. 25, 1823, and he md. (2d) 1825, Betsey McIntire, dau. of Daniel McIntire. He d. Dec. 17, 1834, and she md. (2d) Daniel Benjamin, *q. v.*

- 11 I. *Joshua*, b. Nov. 14, 1802; d. Sept. 2, 1803.
- 12 II. *William*, b. June 17, 1804; d. March 12, 1822.
- 13 III. *Joshua*, b. June 29, 1806; d. May 30, 1817.
- 14 IV. *Varnum*, b. Feb. 16, 1808; d. Jan. 16, 1817.
- 15 V. *Merrick*, b. Nov. 22, 1809; d. Sept. 18, 1810.
- 16 VI. *Joshua*, b. April 11, 1811; d. Oct. 21, 1815.
- 17 VII. *Milton*, b. Nov. 23, 1812; d. Dec. 19, 1814.
- 18 VIII. *Merrick*, b. Nov. 23, 1813; d. Oct. 28, 1840.
- 19 IX. *Mary*, b. July 26, 1814; md. May 2, 1839, Arad Proctor; reside in Athol.
- 20 X. *Charlotte*, b. March 12, 1816; md. Feb. 13, 1838, Abel A. Hildreth. They reside in St. Augustine, Fla.
- 21 XI. *John*, b. March 26, 1821; md. 1858, Elmira Wilker, dau. of Jacob Wilker. They removed to California.
- 22 XII. *Dolly*, b. April 10, 1822; md. April 23, 1848, Edmund N. Marble, son of Stephen Marble, *q. v.*

- (3) REUBEN BILLINGS md. 1800, Polly Parmenter of Notown, and about 1805 removed to Fitchburg. Two children b. in this town.

- 23 I. *Polly*, b. May 28, 1801.
- 24 II. *Reuben*, b. Dec. 20, 1802.

(10) JAMES BILLINGS md. Nov. 11, 1812. Relief Petts, dau. of John Petts, *q. v.*; resided near the Dea. Hunt farm, still known as the Billings farm, where he d. Jan. 12, 1846; she d. Feb. 25, 1843.

25 1. John Howard, b. Jan. 6, 1813; md. May 18, 1843, Emeline Stearns, dau. of Abel and Persis (Lawrence) Stearns of Ashby. He d. May 5, 1860.

26 1. George H., b. June 25, 1844; resides in Leominster.

27 2. Leafy Maria, b. June 7, 1848; md. Nov. 16, 1866, James A. Willard of Townsend.

28 3. Charles Austin, b. May 7, 1856; md. Oct. 24, 1868. Effie Packard, dau. of Horace C. Packard, *q. v.*

1 ANDREW BIRRELL, b. in Edinburg, Scotland, Feb. 9, 1812. After a residence of several years in Maine he came to this town in 1863. He md. 1836. Jane Wood; md. (2d) June 30, 1864. Harriet (Flint) Walker, dau. of Thomas and Betsey (Keyes) Flint and widow of William Smith Walker. Three children of Andrew and Jane (Wood) Birrell were b. in Scotland.

2 1. Jennie, b. June 19, 1841; md. Nov. 28, 1867. Charles G. Lawrence, son of Gilman Lawrence of Ashby. He was a veteran of the 21st Regiment and had resided in this town many years.

3 II. Mary C., b. July 25, 1847; md. William Henry Willard, *q. v.*

4 III. Lizzie, b. July 25, 1848.

1 JACOB BIRON, b. March 18, 1835, in Germany. md. May 20, 1855. Ann Elizabeth Asman, b. in Germany Aug. 20, 1831. They removed to this town in 1858. By occupation he is a wood carver.

2 1. Katie, b. in New York Oct. 26, 1857; md. Fred Warner; resides in Templeton.

3 II. George Henry, b. March 19, 1858; md. Nellie Newton; resides in Fitchburg.

4 III. Elizabeth, b. May 20, 1862.

5 IV. Mary, b. Dec. 15, 1864.

6 V. Anna, b. Nov. 26, 1866.

7 VI. Henrietta, b. Jan. 31, 1871.

HISTORY OF ASHBURNHAM.

1 JOEL RAYMOND BIXBY, son of Aaron Bixby, was b. in
Rindge Jan. 5, 1803, where he resided until 1858, when
he removed to this town. He md. Susan White and d.
Dec. 10, 1875. Three of their twelve children died in
infancy.

2 I. *Aaron B.*, b. Feb. 7, 1830; resides in the north-
part of this town. He md. Melissa A. Wyman;
(2d) Harriet E. W. Booth of Ashby. Seven
children.

3 II. *Mary Elizabeth*, b. Sept. 30, 1831; md. Otis
Pratt.

4 III. *S. Augusta*, b. July 8, 1833; md. 1854, John A.
Field; md. (2d) Austin Brooks, *q. v.*

5 IV. *Linda*, b. April 23, 1840; md. Alfred Clark, *q. v.*

6 V. *Cynthia Maria*, b. July 5, 1842.

7 VI. *Julia Ann*, b. June 26, 1844.

8 VII. *Caroline A.*, b. Aug. 26, 1846; md. George Hum-
phrey of Holden.

9 VIII. *Susan Arabelle*, b. Aug. 14, 1848; md. William
Lindley; he d. Feb. 26, 1872.

10 IX. *Martha Jane*, b. April 15, 1852; md. George
Walls of Shirley.

1 HORACE BLACK removed to this town about 1830. He
was engaged many years in the manufacture of furniture.
His mill was destroyed by the freshet in 1850 and he soon
after removed to Buchanan, Mich. He md. 1833, Harriet
Petts, dau. of John Petts, *q. v.* Four children were b.
in this town.

2 I. *Horace Sumner*, b. Oct. 25, 1834.

3 II. *Harriet Maria*, b. Sept. 7, 1837.

4 III. *Sarah Elizabeth*, b. May 9, 1841.

5 IV. *Relief Ann*, b. Oct. 23, 1843.

1 ABRAHAM BLODGET, lineage not traced. lived in this
town a few years preceding the Revolution. He md. Aug.
6, 1770, Martha Bates, probably a dau. of John Bates, *q.*
v. In 1773 they removed to Shelburne.

2 ISAAC BLODGET settled in Ashburnham at an early date.
He was taxed in 1770 and he md. 1773, Persis Whitcomb,
dau. of William Whitcomb, *q. v.* In 1775 he served in
the siege of Boston eight months, in Capt. Wilder's com-
pany, and removed to Westminster soon after. His
descendants have resided in this town. He d. in West-
minster about 1824. Persis, his wife, d. May 18, 1834.
A child d. Sept. 17, 1778.

- 3 **ELIAS BLODGET**, son of Isaac and Persis (Whitcomb Blodget, was b. in Westminster Nov. 26, 1783. He md his cousin, Relief Whitcomb, dau. of Elias Whitcomb, q. v. He resided in Peru, Vt., and in Ashby until 1810 when he removed to this town. In 1817 he removed to Westminster, where he d. June 24, 1825. She d. in this town May 31, 1849.
- 4 i. *Elias*, b. June 27, 1807; md. Hannah Patch; md (2d) Martha W. Montjoy. He has resided in this town and at the South Village since 1870. Two children.
- 5 1. Farwell, b. June 25, 1841; d. July 12 1843.
- 6 2. Charles, b. June 1, 1843; d. Nov. 28 1862.
- 7 ii. *Lucy*, b. July 31, 1809; md. John W. Wallace q. v.
- 8 iii. *Farwell*, b. April 10, 1812; d. Nov. 15, 1819.
- 9 iv. *Mary*, b. Feb. 21, 1814; md. James Blodget, q. v.
- 10 v. *Isaac*, b. May 15, 1816; d. May 19, 1816.
- 11 vi. *Persis* (twin), b. May 15, 1816; d. May 18, 1816.
- 12 vii. *Sarah*, b. May 5, 1817; unmd.; resides in this town.
- 13 viii. *Harriet*, b. Aug. 8, 1819; unmd.; resides in this town.
- 14 ix. *Lucinda*, b. Jan. 2, 1823; d. Feb. 26, 1823.
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- 15 **JAMES BLODGET** was a grandson of Isaac and Persis (Whitcomb) Blodget. He was a son of Jonas and Poll (Blair) Blodget who resided in Vermont and in Fitzwilliam, N. H. He md. 1834, his cousin Mary Blodget dau. of Elias Blodget, q. v. Five of their seven children died young.
- 16 i. *Eliza*, b. March 16, 1836; md. Henry A. Gibbs q. v.
- 17 ii. *Sarah Frances*, b. July 28, 1838; md. Lincoln Wallace, q. v.
- 18 iii. *Lucinda*, b. Sept. 22, 1840; d. Aug. 6, 1841.
- 19 iv. *Edward*, b. March 9, 1843; d. Oct. 7, 1843.
- 20 v. *Sidney*, b. Feb. 6, 1846; d. Dec. 27, 1849.
- 21 vi. *Lucy A.*, b. Oct. 27, 1849; d. March 30, 1850.
- 22 vii. *Hattie Jane*, b. April 28, 1853; d. Aug. 12, 1863.
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- 1 **JOE BOND** resided in this town several years, but I have

no information of previous and subsequent history. The record of deaths gives information of one child.

- 2 i. *Job*, b. 1770 ; d. 1780.

- 3 DANIEL BOND, perhaps a son or brother of Job Bond, resided in this town from about 1774 to 1785. He served in the army in 1779. He subsequently resided in Claremont, N. H. *Vide* pages 163 and 190.

- 1 JOHN BOWMAN was b. in Lexington July 3, 1759, and was a son of John and Susannah (Coolidge) Bowman, and a grandson of John and Mary (Stone) Bowman. After a residence of several years in Andover, he removed to this town about 1811, and resided here until his death Oct. 22, 1847. While a resident of Lexington he served several enlistments in the Revolution and was a pensioner during the waning years of his life. His wife d. June 8, 1841, aged 76 years. No record of the marriage has been found.

- 2 i. *John*, removed from this town 1811. He was then about 23 years of age.

- 3 ii. *Philip*, md. 1815, Phebe Merriam, dau. of Joseph Merriam, *q. v.* They resided here several years and removed to Westminster. Several children.

- 4 iii. *Mary*, md. 1817, Thomas Rice, son of Jonah Rice, *q. v.*

- 5 iv. *Sally*, md. — Hayden.

- 6 v. *Phebe*, b. 1803 ; d. Feb. 4, 1816.

- 1 JEREMIAH BRIDGE is found residing here in 1764 and disappears about 1772. His previous and subsequent history is unknown. While he resided in this town his home was enlivened by a wife Sarah and four children.

- 2 i. *Sarah*, b. Oct. 22, 1764.

- 3 ii. *Ezra*, b. Feb. 13, 1767.

- 4 iii. *Jeremiah*, b. Jan. 29, 1769.

- 5 iv. *Abigail*, bap. Sept. 1, 1771.

- 1 BRADFORD BRITTON from Westmoreland, son of Bradford and Nancy Jane (Priest) Britton, md. Lovisa Priest ; md. (2d) Mrs. Mary Hosley of Gardner. He resided in this town a few years. Was killed in the mill of Horace W. Houston Feb. 25, 1867 ; his widow resides in Millis.

- 2 GEORGE BRITTON, a brother of Bradford Britton, Jr., was b. in Westmoreland Dec. 16, 1839 ; md. May 19, 1868, Augusta R. Hosley, dau. of Samuel and Polly

(Remington) Hosley of Jamaica, Vt. He is a farmer in the south part of the town. Two children.

1 ASA BROCKLEBANK was b. in Rowley Aug. 15, 1745 he md. April 10, 1771. Mary Howe of Andover, and removed to Rindge in 1772 or 1773. He removed to this town in 1777 and returned to Rindge about 1790, where he d. Dec. 12, 1826.

- 2 I. Asa, b. Jan. 30, 1772.
- 3 II. Eunice, b. Dec. 31, 1773; d. Nov. 24, 1775.
- 4 III. Samuel, b. Nov. 27, 1776.
- 5 IV. Eunice, b. Nov. 9, 1777; d. Oct. 18, 1778.
- 6 V. Mary, b. Aug. 7, 1779.
- 7 VI. Joseph, b. Aug. 23, 1792.
- 8 VII. Nahum, b. July 24, 1794.

1 DR. PETER BROOKS. lineage not known, was the first resident physician of Ashburnham. *Vide* Chap. XX. His descendants have been and still are numerous in this and other towns. He md. Nov. 14, 1769, Judith Foster dau. of Jeremiah Foster, *q. v.* Between 1790 and 1800 he left his family and the town. The date and place of his death are unknown. She d. March 9, 1824, aged 71 years.

- 2 I. Calvin, b. March 25, 1770; removed to the South
- 3 II. Luther, b. Feb. 15, 1772. +
- 4 III. John Swift, b. and d. 1774.
- 5 IV. Sewell, b. Feb. 4, 1777. +
- 6 V. Peter, b. Jan. 11, 1780.
- 7 VI. Dorcas, b. June 24, 1782.
- 8 VII. Lydia, b. Sept. 23, 1784; d. unmd. June 30, 1851
- 9 VIII. Dickerson, b. Oct. 13, 1787. +

(3) LUTHER BROOKS, son of Dr. Peter Brooks, md. April 24, 1800, Lucy Gates, dau. of John Gates, *q. v.* He was a farmer and a carpenter in Ashburnham. Late in life he removed to Ohio. He d. Oct. 22, 1854; she d. Aug. 23, 1868. Eleven children.

- 10 I. Luther, b. Feb. 16, 1801; md. 1820, Dolly Adams dau. of James Adams, *q. v.*; she d. Sept. 11, 1828. He md. (2d) 1830, Hannah (Jacobs) Harrington, widow of Daniel Harrington of Lexington. About 1830 he removed to East Cambridge and was there engaged in the lumber business. He d. July 4, 1839.

- 11 1. Harriet Adams, b. June 19, 1820.

- 12 2. Martin Luther, b. and d. May 4, 1822.
- 13 3. Sarah Jane, b. May 18, 1823; md. Charles
 Gerrish of Groton.
- 14 4. Elvira Diana, b. Nov. 20, 1824.
- 15 5. Luther Francis.
- 16 6. Susanna Jacobs.
- 17 7. Charles Edwin.
- 18 8. Everett Wellington.
- 19 II. *Calvin*, b. Sept. 14, 1802; md. Eliza Flagg, and
 removed after a few years.
- 20 1. Eliza, b. Sept. 11, 1827; d. June 5, 1828.
- 21 2. Calvin Augustus, b. March 18, 1829; d.
 Oct. 11, 1831.
- 22 3. Eliza Emeline, b. Sept. 13, 1830.
- 23 4. Mary Abbie, b. March 28, 1832; d. Feb.
 20, 1843.
- 24 5. Frederick.
- 25 6. Edward F.
- 26 7. Adriana.
- 27 8. Stetson.
- 28 9. Artemas.
- 29 III. *Alden*, b. June 24, 1804; md. Hannah Creyton of
 Portsmouth, N. H. He was a carpenter and
 d. in this town May 3, 1847. To them were
 born six children but no record has been
 secured.
- 30 IV. *Ezra Gates*, b. June 7, 1806; d. unmd. Dec. 9,
 1833.
- 31 V. *Catherine*, b. June 17, 1808; md. Freeman Vicory
 of Springfield, Ohio.
- 32 VI. *Emeline*, b. March 30, 1811; md. Charles Hunting
 of Princeton; d. Sept. 23, 1879.
- 33 VII. *Edward Stetson*, b. March 6, 1813; d. unmd. Oct.
 7, 1838.
- 34 VIII. *John Warren*, b. May 20, 1815. In 1835 he re-
 moved to Cambridge and was soon engaged in
 the lumber business in the firm of Brooks &
 Cottrell, and subsequently he assumed the sole
 management of the business in which he was
 successful. He md. Hannah Dana who survives
 him. He d. April 10, 1886.
- 35 1. William.
- 36 2. Mary.
- 37 IX. *Mary P.*, b. July 8, 1817; md. Oliver Hunting;
 d. April 27, 1860.

- 38 x. *Sarah M.*, b. Sept. 19, 1821; d. unmd. April 8, 1847.
 39 xi. *Charles N.*, b. July 5, 1825; md. Almira Bartlett; resides in Worcester.

(5) SEWELL BROOKS, son of Dr. Peter Brooks, was a carpenter and a farmer in this town. I have found no record of his marriage. The name of his wife was Sally. He d. May 28, 1822; she d. 1837.

- 40 i. *Sewell*, b. Aug. 24, 1799.
 41 ii. *Samuel*, b. Jan. 16, 1801; md. 1830, Lucy Hubbard of Holden.
 42 iii. *Walter*, b. June 24, 1804.
 43 iv. *William*, b. Jan. 6, 1807.
 44 v. *Jonas*, b. Sept. 9, 1809.
 45 vi. *George*, b. June 8, 1813.
 46 vii. *Nancy*, b. Aug. 3, 1817.

(8) DICKERSON BROOKS, son of Dr. Peter Brooks, md. Sept. 9, 1818, Hannah Kemp of Groton. He was a farmer in this town, where he d. July 13, 1855.

- 47 i. *Amos Dickerson*, b. July 21, 1819.
 48 ii. *John*, b. Oct. 19, 1821.
 49 iii. *Hannah Elizabeth*, b. Feb. 22, 1824.
 50 iv. *Huldah*, b. May 21, 1826.
 51 v. *Sally Tottingham*, b. Oct. 18, 1828.
 52 vi. *Levi*, b. Aug. 6, 1831.

53 THADDEUS BROOKS, who came to this town about 1782 was a son of Amos and Lydia Brooks of Lincoln, where he was b. April 30, 1758. He was a grandson of Joseph and Rebecca (Blodgett) Brooks of Concord, and subsequently of Lincoln, a great-grandson of Dea. Joshua and Hannah (Mason) Brooks of Concord, and a great-great-grandson of Thomas and Grace Brooks, the emigrant ancestors of a large family in this State and elsewhere.

Thaddeus Brooks md. in Ashburnham Feb. 22, 1785 Sarah Winchester, the sixth child of Rev. Jonathan Winchester, *q. v.* He was a farmer, a respected citizen and is frequently and honorably mentioned in the records. He d. of cancer June 17, 1819. She d. Nov., 1835.

- 54 i. *Elijah*, b. Oct. 9, 1786. +
 55 ii. *Samuel*, b. March 20, 1792. +
 56 iii. *Sarah*, b. March 2, 1797; md. Feb. 5, 1835, Ezra Hudson of Templeton. She d. Nov., 1835, and he md. (2d) Caroline Jones, dau. of Edmund Jones, *q. v.*

- 57 iv. *Joel*, b. Oct. 21, 1799; d. unmd. Dec. 12, 1863.
58 v. *William*, b. Aug. 10, 1803.†
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- (54) ELIJAH BROOKS, eldest son of Thaddeus Brooks, md.
Jan. 6, 1818, Rebecca Sanderson, dau. of Moses Sanderson, *q. v.* He was a farmer and a useful citizen in Ashburnham, where he d. March 18, 1874. She d. May 24, 1862.
- 59 i. *Mary Rebecca*, b. Oct. 1, 1818; md. Hon. Ohio
Whitney, *q. v.*
60 ii. *Sarah Sophia*, b. May 30, 1826; md. Oct. 7,
1875, Henry Vanness, for several years a merchant in this town. They reside at West Medway.
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- (55) SAMUEL BROOKS md. April 25, 1822, Ruth Rice, dau. of Jonas Rice, *q. v.* He was a farmer who commanded the esteem of his associates. He d. April 1, 1872; she d. July 7, 1853.
- 61 i. *Milton*, b. Jan. 29, 1826; md. June 11, 1857,
Achsa C. Ward, dau. of Alvin Ward, *q. v.*
He resides a farmer in this town.
62 ii. *Lavinia*, b. July 2, 1827; d. unmd. Jan. 9, 1850.
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- (58) WILLIAM BROOKS md. June 13, 1833, Lucy Russell, dau. of Eliakim and Sarah (Converse) Russell of Rindge. He was a merchant and subsequently was engaged in the manufacture of friction matches. He d. Jan. 8, 1863; she md. (2d) Rev. Isaac Peaslee of Sutton, N. H. No children.
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- 63 SIMEON BROOKS md. in this town July 20, 1780, Lucy Whitcomb, dau. of William Whitcomb, *q. v.* He resided in the south part of the town and was an early proprietor of the mill now of Elijah Gross & Son. It is said he planted the stately elm now standing on the premises. He removed about 1812 to Westminster.
- 64 i. *Lucy*, b. Oct. 17, 1781; md. June 17, 1806, Jonas Holden of Westminster.
65 ii. *Asa*, b. June 26, 1784.
66 iii. *Simeon*, b. July 19, 1786.
67 iv. *Lydia*, b. Oct. 22, 1788.
68 v. *Polly*, b. April 10, 1795.
69 vi. *Stillman*, b. Oct. 18, 1796.
70 vii. *Silas*, b. Dec. 3, 1798. His bap. is recorded
Cyrus. He d. Jan. 16, 1801.

71 **AMOS BROOKS**, not known to be related to other families of same name in Ashburnham, resided in the northeast part of this town about twenty years. He was included in the addition to Ashby in 1792. He md. Nov. 24, 1774, Prudence Martin, dau. of John Martin, *q. v.* Nine children.

- 72 I. *Amos*, b. Aug. 17, 1775.
- 73 II. *Hannah*, b. Jan. 10, 1778.
- 74 III. *Lydia*, b. Feb. 18, 1780.
- 75 IV. *Betty*, b. Feb. 10, 1782.
- 76 V. *Dolly*, b. Oct. 6, 1784.
- 77 VI. *Prudence*, b. Sept. 4, 1786.
- 78 VII. *Asa*, b. Oct. 26, 1788.
- 79 VIII. *Lois*, b. June 8, 1791.
- 80 IX. *Savil*, b. in Ashby April 16, 1795.

81 **JONAS BROOKS** removed to Ashburnham about the close of the Revolution and resided here several years. His wife d. 1797, aged 78 years. His name appears occasionally in the records and upon all the tax lists that have been preserved, until near the close of the century. Except of one son I have no knowledge of his family nor of his earlier and subsequent history. Perhaps Stephen Brooks who d. in this town Nov. 5, 1781, aged 29 years, was his son.

- 82 I. *Jonas*, b. about 1755; md. Sept. 12, 1781, Lucy Whitmore, dau. of Joseph Whitmore, *q. v.*

83 **ISAAC BROOKS**, not related so far as known to any of the numerous families in this town who bore the same name, lived near Mt. Hunger. He md. 1795, Faith Seaver of Westminster. There was an Isaac Brooks who lived over the line in Westminster and whose children were bap. by Mr. Cushing. Isaac Brooks, probably the latter, d. Nov. 9, 1827. Isaac and Faith (Seaver) Brooks, who lived near Mt. Hunger, had three children and perhaps others.

- 84 I. *Solomon*, b. Feb. 27, 1797.
- 85 II. *Relief*, md. Dec. 13, 1821, Samuel Hart.
- 86 III. *Isaac*.

87 **JONATHAN BROOKS**, for many years, had a mill at the outlet of Rice pond. He resided in this town from an early date until 1817. His wife d. *felo de se* Aug. 22,

1816. It is probable that there were other children but I have been unable to gain any additional record.

- 88 i. *Lucy*, md. 1808, William Whitney, *q. v.*
 89 ii. —, b. 1793; d. Dec. 6, 1801.
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90 DEA. HARVEY BROOKS is not closely allied in kinship to any of the numerous families of the same name who have resided in this town. He was b. in New Ipswich May 30, 1805, and is a son of Stephen and Rachel (Taylor) Brooks of Rindge and New Ipswich and a grandson of Aaron and Mary (Stone) Brooks of Lincoln. Dea. Brooks removed to this town in 1826 and for several years he was in the employ of Charles Davis, John C. Glazier and Jonathan O. Bancroft in the manufacture of chairs. He is a man of integrity and excellent character. In 1869 he removed to Gardner where he still resides. He md. Sept. 21, 1831, Lois Burgess, dau. of Joseph F. Burgess, *q. v.*

- 91 i. *Harvey P.*, b. June 17, 1833; md. Nov. 15, 1867, Mary Mattattal. He served two years in Co. B, Second Regiment Heavy Artillery; d. March 19, 1870.
 92 ii. *Euclid L.*, b. July 16, 1835; md. Aug. 14, 1861, Flavilla R. Adams, b. May 10, 1841, dau. of Hosea and Rebecca (Conant) Adams of Gardner. Resides in Gardner.
 93 iii. *Newton*, b. Oct. 23, 1840. Served on the quota of Gardner in 53d Regiment. He md. Nov. 16, 1876, Frances A. Smith, dau. of Henry Smith of Oshkosh, Wis. Resides in Gardner.
 94 iv. *Luella*, b. Dec. 13, 1849; md. May 8, 1879, Marcus Whitney who was b. in Gardner Sept. 13, 1846. Reside in Gardner.
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95 IRA BROOKS, a son of Samuel and grandson of Isaac and Ruth (Herrick) Brooks of Westminster, was b. in Westminster Sept. 6, 1806. He began life under the name of Samuel which he changed to Ira. He resided in this town with little interruption from 1834 until his death. He md. July 15, 1830, Rebecca E. Wilder of Ashby. He d. June 26, 1885.

- 96 i. *Emerson*, b. Sept. 27, 1831; md. June 7, 1865, Mada Townsend. Resides in Burke, Vt.
 97 ii. *Austin*, b. March 6, 1833; a chair maker; resides in this town. He md. Sept. 6, 1860, Mary Jane

- Willard, dau. of Merrick Willard. She d. Sept. 1, 1876, leaving six children; he md. (2d) May 15, 1878, S. Augusta (Bixby) Fields, dau. of Joel R. Bixby, *q. v.*
- 98 iii. *Salura*, b. Oct. 28, 1837; md. Danforth N. Baker, *q. v.*
- 99 iv. *Pascal*, b. Nov. 2, 1839. Enlisted Nov. 1, 1861, in 32d Regiment; d. at Sharpsburg. Md. Oct. 1, 1862.
- 100 v. *Irving*, b. June 1, 1842. Enlisted 1864 and served in an unattached company; md. 1874, Emily McGee; resides in Troy, N. H.
- 101 vi. *Infant*, b. and d. 1844.

- 1 WAIT BROUGHTON md. in Whately Nov. 1, 1771, Submit Wait, dau. of John and Mary (Hastings) Wait, and in 1774 he removed to Ashfield. His wife d. about 1779 and he md. (2d) April 19, 1781, Esther Belding, b. April 18, 1761, dau. of Samuel and Mary Belding of Ashfield. The family with the children Charity, Samuel, Thaddeus and Aaron removed to Ashby in 1786. They were residing in Ashby in 1787, but soon after that date they removed to this town. He was a farmer and was taxed for a generous amount of land. He removed about 1815 to Brandon, Vt., where he d. April 20, 1842, aged 92 years.
- 2 i. *Charity*, bap. in Whately June 14, 1772; md. Nov. 20, 1794, John Conant, son of Ebenezer Conant, Jr., *q. v.*
- 3 ii. *Samuel*, bap. in Ashfield May 15, 1774; md. Dec. 21, 1797, Rachel Hobart, dau. of Shebuel Hobart, *q. v.*, and removed to Brandon, Vt. Subsequently he resided in Malone, N. Y.
- 4 iii. *Thaddeus*, bap. in Ashfield Aug. 25, 1776.
- 5 iv. *Cynthia*, bap. in Ashfield Nov. 22, 1778; probably d. young.
- 6 v. *Aaron W.*, b. previous to 1786; a son of second wife; was a lawyer in Vermont and later in Michigan.
- 7 vi. *William*, b. in Ashby July 12, 1787; md. in this town Feb. 11, 1810, Ruth Winter, dau. of John Winter, *q. v.* He resided in the north part of the town. He d. May 24, 1831. His widow md. Oct. 2, 1831, Jeremiah Robbins, *q. v.* Six children of William and Ruth Broughton were b. in this town, of whom two d. young.
- 8 1. *Phebe*, b. Sept. 10, 1810; md. John

- 9 Lawrence, son of Reuben Lawrence, *q. v.*
 10 2. Esther B., b. April 23, 1813; d. 1817.
 11 3. Chauncy W., b. 1817; a farmer in Illinois.
 4. Mary, b. 1824, d. 1840.
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1 UNITY BROWN, the name is sometimes written Unite, resided in this town a few years previous to the date of incorporation. He was one of the original members of the church 1760, and in that record his name is written Unight Brown and has been erroneously copied Wright Brown. This man, bearing numerous names upon the records, then of Dorchester Canada, md. in Lunenburg Aug. 16, 1759, Rebecca Arnold of Shrewsbury. He probably removed from this town previous to 1765 and of his subsequent history nothing has appeared.

2 DANIEL BROWN resided several years in the northeast part of the town. In 1792, by the change in town lines, he became a resident of Ashby. Mary, his wife, d. Aug. 27, 1796, and he md. (2d) 1797, Lydia Webb. He d. in Ashby June 29, 1822; she d. Feb. 20, 1825.

- 3 i. *Ephraim*, b. in Ashburnham April 25, 1786.
 4 ii. *Joseph*, b. in Ashburnham Sept. 8, 1788.
 5 iii. *Polly*, b. in Ashburnham Sept. 16, 1792.
 6 iv. *Daniel*, b. in Ashby Jan. 3, 1795.
 7 v. *Lydia*, b. in Ashby Aug. 3, 1799.
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8 JOHN BROWN and wife, Sarah, were in this town several years following the Revolution. The family disappears about 1790.

- 9 i. *Sarah*, b. Dec. 9, 1784.
 10 ii. *Joel*, b. May 13, 1787.
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11 JOHN BROWN md. 1823, Dorothy Maynard, dau. of Stephen Maynard, *q. v.* He d. 1828. She md. (2d) Ohio Whitney, *q. v.*

- 12 i. *John Philander*, b. July 7, 1826; d. in this town unmd. Oct. 14, 1851.
 13 ii. *Charles Hudson*, b. Oct. 2, 1828; md. Mary Bowker; resides in Ashby.
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1 EBENEZER BURGESS from Harvard settled in the south part of this town in 1771. In 1775 he was a sergeant in Capt. Gates' company of minute-men. He md. Anna Fairbanks, dau. of Joseph Fairbanks of Harvard and a

half sister of Cyrus Fairbanks of this town. He d. Jan. 1, 1829; she d. Sept. 11, 1830.

- 2 i. *Levi*, b. in Harvard; d. at two years of age.
- 3 ii. *Ebenezer*, b. 1771; resided in this town, and was an invalid for many years; d. unmd. Feb. 16, 1811.
- iii. *Hannah*, b. March 30, 1773; md. Silas Smith of Westminster. She d. 1867, aged 94 years.
- 4 iv. *Joseph Fairbanks*, b. April 11, 1775. +
- 5 v. *Jabez*, bap. 1777; d. Aug. 25, 1778.
- 6 vi. *Molly*, bap. 1779; d. May 19, 1780.
- 7 vii. *Polly*, b. March, 1781; md. Dec. 25, 1798, Charles Smith of Westminster.
- 8 viii. *Anna*, b. May 27, 1783; md. Flint McIntire of Fitchburg; d. 1877, aged 94 years.
- 9 ix. *Betty*, bap. 1786; d. Dec. 12, 1794.
- 10 x. *Asenath*, b. Nov. 11, 1788; d. Nov. 16, 1806.
- 11 xi. *Mercy*, b. April 9, 1791; md. Jonas Bemis, q. v.;
- 12 md. (2d) William Whitney, q. v.

- JOSEPH FAIRBANKS BURGESS md. Oct. 31, 1797, Lois
(5) Gibson Billings, dau. of Joshua Billings, q. v. He d. Aug. 24, 1844. She d. Aug. 17, 1863. He was a farmer in the south part of the town.

- i. *Joseph F.*, b. April 21, 1799; md. 1818, Maria Sawyer. He d. May 4, 1861.
- 13 ii. *Joshua B.*, b. Aug. 22, 1800. +
- 14 iii. *Mary*, b. 1803; d. Sept. 1, 1805.
- 15 iv. *Cornelius*, b. May 19, 1806; md. 1833, Dorothy Lord of Ashby, and removed to Vermont.
- 16 v. *Jonathan*, b. April 15, 1808; md. 1832, Lois Handy, dau. of George and Ruth (Estes) Handy of Richmond, N. H.; he md. (2d) 1842, Emily A. Howe, dau. of Perley Howe of Gardner; md. (3d) Mrs. Sarah Howard. They reside in Fitchburg.
- vi. *Lois*, b. April 27, 1810; md. Dea. Harvey Brooks, q. v.
- 18 vii. *Ivers*, b. Sept. 14, 1813. +
- 19 viii. *Mary*, b. Jan. 25, 1817; md. Matthew E. Goodwin, q. v.
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- 21 ix. *Nancy*, b. Jan. 18, 1823; d. Dec. 28, 1838.

- (14) JOSHUA B. BURGESS md. 1818, Fanny Barrell of Westminster, where he resided a few years and then returned to Ashburnham and was engaged in manufacture of chairs in the South Village for many years. His wife

d. March 10, 1856, and he md. (2d) Nov. 17, 1860, Mrs. Anna M. (Thompson) Child. He d. Feb. 22, 1885. Two eldest children b. in Westminster; the others in Ashburnham.

- 22 i. *Joshua*, b. May 10, 1819; md. 1838, Sarah Lord of Ashby; md. (2d) 1842, Susan R. Piper of Springfield; resides in Minnesota.
- 23 ii. *Caroline*, b. Feb. 4, 1821; md. June 29, 1836, Jonathan H. Piper, *q. v.*
- 24 iii. *Luther*, b. Oct. 21, 1825; md. Elvira Goodfellow of Fitchburg; he is a chair maker and resides in Keene, N. H.
- 25 iv. *Fanny*, b. March 11, 1829; md. Abraham Bennett of Ashby; resides in Fitchburg.
- 26 v. *Elizabeth*, b. March 15, 1834; md. 1855, Henry H. Martindale. He was in the service in 21st Regiment. He d. Feb. 23, 1868; she resides in Fitchburg.
- 27 vi. *Adaline*, b. Oct. 13, 1836; md. March 11, 1865, John Chute; he was a farmer and a carpenter in this town; he d. March 10, 1876. She resides in Fitchburg.

- (19) IVERS BURGESS, a farmer in this town, md. Dec. 25, 1834, Mary Gates, dau. of William Gates, *q. c.*; md. (2d) Louisa Field. He d. July 9, 1868; she d. Feb. 22, 1866.
- 28 i. *Arminda*, b. June 17, 1835; d. June 17, 1835.
 - 29 ii. *Jeanette*, b. July 20, 1836; md. Aug. 25, 1862, Frank Chenery of Clinton. He was killed at battle of Cold Harbor June 2, 1864. She resides in Clinton.
 - 30 iii. *Chloe E.*, b. June 18, 1838; md. Feb. 27, 1864, Lorenzo H. Gilbert. He was a veteran of 21st Regiment, was wounded in the service. They reside at Central Village.
 - 31 iv. *Lois Melissa*, b. Jan. 8, 1840; md. Feb. 19, 1864, George F. Puffer, *q. v.*
 - 32 v. *Ellen B.*, b. March 3, 1842; md. Harrison C. Cheney; he served three years in 21st Regiment. They reside in Union City, Penn.
 - 33 vi. *Loring*, b. Nov. 30, 1844; resides in Brattleboro', Vt.; md. Jennie Whitney; md. (2d) Louisa Field.
 - 34 vii. *John Morris*, b. Feb. 25, 1847; d. unmd. March 29, 1881.
 - 35 viii. *Marietta*, b. Sept. 13, 1849; md. Jan. 3, 1884, Edward G. Green of Clinton.

1 EDWARD BURNAP, son of Stillman and Molodia (Creed
Burnap of Fitchburg, b. June 3, 1828; md. Sept. 10
1851. Nancy M. Daby, b. Aug. 9, 1830, dau. of Amos
and Polly (Burnap) Daby of Fitchburg. He is a farmer
resides on the North Turnpike.

- 2 I. *Mary J.*, b. June 8, 1852; d. Sept. 30, 1867.
3 II. *Sabra A.*, b. Aug. 6, 1855; d. Oct. 4, 1867.
4 III. *Sarah A.*, b. Aug. 6, 1855; md. George J
Maxwell, son of Francis Maxwell of New
Ipswich. They reside in Rindge.
5 IV. *Edward T.*, b. Nov. 3, 1864.
6 V. *Walter R.*, b. May 14, 1866.
7 VI. *Arthur H.*, b. April 14, 1871; d. 1883.

1 PYAM BURR, b. in Ashby Sept. 13, 1799, md. Doll
Gibson, dau. of Samuel Gibson, and resided many years
in this town. He was a tanner. His wife d. June 20
1857. He d. Aug. 24, 1868. The monument in the old
cemetery was erected in pursuance of the conditions of
his will, and the town of Ashburnham is a trustee of a
sum of money to provide for the care of the burial lot.
Their only child d. in infancy.

1 NATHANIEL R. BUTLER, son of Jonathan Butler, Jr.
was b. in Marlow, N. H., April 11, 1808. He md. May
2, 1833. Sarah Tenney, b. Nov. 30, 1807. They removed
to this town 1860.

- 2 I. *Mary*, b. Feb. 2, 1837; md. Jan. 11, 1857
Frederick Wright of Phillipston, where she d.
May 6, 1875.
3 II. *Emma L.*, b. June 18, 1839; d. unmd. Aug. 20
1881.
4 III. *Susie O.*, b. Oct. 11, 1843; d. Dec. 2, 1862.
5 IV. *La Roy*, b. Nov. 17, 1846; md. Dec. 27, 1848
Ella M. Ward, dau. of Isaac D. Ward, q. v.
He was a manufacturer of wood ware in this
town until 1883, when he removed to Gardner.
Five children.
6 V. *Addie M.*, b. July 22, 1849; resides unmd. in
this town.

1 CHARLES BUTTRICK, b. in Chelmsford March 15, 1801
removed to this town, where he md. March 23, 1826
Lucinda S. Whitcomb, dau. of Elias Whitcomb, q. v.
she d. March 12, 1855; he md. (2d) Oct. 5, 1858, Sara

- L. Corey, widow of Levi Corey, *q. v.* He. d. Nov. 7, 1879. Two children by first marriage.
- 2 i. *Aaron G.*, b. Aug. 30, 1827; md. Feb. 7, 1854, Mary Jane Dowe. Resides in Worcester.
- 3 ii. *Mary Ann Eliza*, b. May 21, 1829; md. Nov. 21, 1849, Otis M. Samson, son of Oliver Samson, *q. v.*; md. (2d) Nov. 14, 1854, Wm. V. Thompson, son of John Thompson. He was b. in Hartland, Vt., May 12, 1822. They reside in Ashburnham.

CALDWELL.

JOHN CALDWELL, b. in England 1624, is found a resident in Ipswich in 1654, and about that date he md. Sarah Dillingham, dau. of John Dillingham who emigrated to New England 1630. He d. in Ipswich 1692; she d. Jan. 26, 1721-2. Their eldest son John md. May 1, 1689, Sarah Foster, dau. of Dea. Jacob and Martha (Kinsman) Foster and granddau. of Reginald Foster, the emigrant. He d. in Ipswich Feb. 7, 1721-2; she d. July 11, of the same year. Dea. Jacob Caldwell, third of the seven children of John and Sarah (Foster) Caldwell, was b. in Ipswich Feb. 26, 1694-5; he md. 1718, Rebecca Lull. He d. July 17, 1744; she md. (2d) 1748, Samuel Goodhue and removed to Stratham, N. H. Jacob Caldwell, eldest son of Dea. Jacob Caldwell, b. Nov. 29, 1719, removed to Watertown, where he md. Sept. 28, 1742, Anna Hastings, dau. of John and Mary Hastings. He lived a few years in Cambridge and subsequently in Woburn where he md. his second wife. Jacob Caldwell, a son of Jacob and Anna (Hastings) Caldwell, was b. in Watertown Nov. 4, 1748. In 1777 he settled in Lunenburg, where he md. June 5, 1777, Patience Sanderson, b. 1745, dau. of Abraham and Patience (Smith) Sanderson of Lunenburg. He was collector in Lunenburg 1784 and constable 1796. He d. Sept. 8, 1823. She d. Sept. 4, 1822.

- 1 JOHN CALDWELL, the third of the five children of Jacob and Patience (Sanderson) Caldwell, was b. in Lunenburg June 9, 1782. He removed to this town and settled on the farm now of Alden B. Marble. He was a farmer and for many years a tanner. He md. Mary Green, dau. of Oliver Green, *q. v.* She d. Sept. 4, 1843, and he md. (2d) Aug. 9, 1844, Lucretia (Wilkins) Chamberlain, widow of Joseph Chamberlain of New Ipswich. He d. Oct 21, 1871; she d. Aug. 18, 1877.
- 2 i. *John*, b. Dec. 20, 1802; md. Sept. 26, 1826, Abigail G. Fuller, dau. of John and Eunice (Wetherbee) Fuller. She d. July 16, 1835; he md. (2d) April 7, 1838, Abigail C. Garland. He was a tanner in Fitchburg, where he d. Jan. 10, 1859. Six children.
- 3 ii. *Oliver Green*, b. Jan. 7, 1805.+
- 4 iii. *Lucy*, b. Sept. 15, 1806; md. John Adams, 3d, *a. v.*

- 5 iv. *Mary*, b. June 5, 1808 ; md. Samuel Woods, *q. v.*
 6 v. *Elizabeth*, b. March 15, 1810 ; md. Elbridge Stim-
 son, *q. v.*
 7 vi. *Sarah* (twin), b. March 15, 1810 ; md. Aug. 2,
 1840, Sylvester Wheeler of Dublin, N. H.
 They resided in Ashburnham, where he d. Sept.
 23, 1849 ; she d. Feb. 23, 1871.
 8 1. Sarah Elizabeth, b. Oct. 9, 1844 ; d. unmd.
 April 27, 1883.
 9 2. Ellen M., b. 1846 ; d. July 23, 1861.
 10 vii. *Dorothy H.*, b. April 30, 1812 ; md. Joseph Miller ;
 md. (2d) John Lawrence of Concord. She d.
 in Leominster 1883.
 11 viii. *Harriet P.*, b. April 4, 1817 ; md. Oct. 4, 1837,
 George R. Mansfield of Ashby. They removed
 to Rutland, Vt.
 12 ix. *Frances*, b. Jan 1, 1820 ; md. Israel A. Packard, *q. v.*
 x. *Nancy*, b. Jan. 10, 1822 ; d., unmd., in Ashburn-
 18 ham July 10, 1848.

(3) OLIVER G. CALDWELL resided in this town until 1855,
 when he removed to Leominster. He was a prominent
 citizen and for several years he was engaged in the
 manufacture of tubs and pails. He md. Oct. 28, 1828,
 Mary W. Ellis, dau. of Jesse Ellis, *q. v.* She d. Sept. 5,
 1833. He md. (2d) March 13, 1835, Martha Lincoln
 who d. 1878. He d. in Leominster Aug. 28, 1885.

- 14 i. *Martha Elizabeth*, b. April 3, 1837 ; md. Jan. 7.
 1863, John W. II. Lawrence, b. in Concord
 Sept. 14, 1837, son of John Lawrence. They
 reside in Leominster. Three children.
 15 ii. *Abbie Lincoln*, b. Aug. 14, 1844 ; resides in Leo-
 minster.

1 JAMES CASHMAN, son of Timothy and Joanna (Malony)
 Cashman, was b. in Cork Co., Ireland, 1816. He md. in
 Concord, N. H., Oct. 27, 1848, Catherine Corcoran and
 came to Ashburnham 1850. Eleven children.

- 2 i. *Timothy*, b. Aug. 29, 1849 ; resides in Connecticut.
 3 ii. *Anna*, b. Dec. 7, 1850 ; unmd.
 4 iii. *John*, b. March 18, 1852 ; md. Margaret Ryan ;
 resides in Brockton.
 5 iv. *Ellen*, b. June 5, 1853 ; md. John Kirby of
 Fitchburg.
 6 v. *Mary*, b. July 4, 1855 ; unmd.
 7 vi. *James*, b. Oct. 30, 1856 ; unmd.

- 8 VII. *Thomas*, b. Dec. 9, 1857; md. *Katie Moore*.
 - 9 VIII. *Edward*, b. Feb. 2, 1859; unmd.
 - 10 IX. *Daniel*, b. June 22, 1860; unmd.
 - 11 X. *William*, d. young.
 - 12 XI. *Julia*, b. Oct. 18, 1863; unmd.
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1 TIMOTHY CHAFFIN with wife Sarah removed to this town from Harvard in April, 1775. This name is sometimes written Chaplin but the name probably was Chaffin. The father and one son were soldiers in the Revolution and removed from town soon after the war. They were here in 1784 but disappear soon after.

- 2 I. *David*.
 - 3 II. *Levi*.
 - 4 III. *Lucy*, md. Feb. 26, 1784, Roswell Stevens of Claremont, N. H.
 - 5 IV. *Molly*, b. 1769; d. May 25, 1776.
 - 6 V. *Miriam*, b. Feb. 23, 1771.
 - 7 VI. *Timothy*, b. April 22, 1778.
 - 8 VII. *John*, b. Aug. 19, 1775.
 - 9 VIII. *Sarah*, b. Nov. 18, 1778.
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1 JOHN CHAMBERLAIN resided in this town a few years and in 1779 he removed to Ashby. He was in the war in 1778 in Capt. Edgell's Co., and his name appears a few times in the records of the town with unimportant mention. The name of his wife was Abigail. The records of Ashby preserve the names of four children.

- 2 I. *Rufus*.
 - 3 II. *Mary*.
 - 4 III. *Nabby*.
 - 5 IV. *John*, b. Oct. 8, 1779.
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6 AUGUSTUS A. CHAMBERLAIN, son of David and Abigail (Chadwick) Chamberlain of Jaffrey, N. H., was b. in Jaffrey Aug. 11, 1813. He md. Nov. 19, 1839, Sarah A. Towne, dau. of Green and Lucy (Rand) Towne of Rindge. They resided in Rindge and subsequently in Jaffrey and removed to this town in 1866. He served in 6th N. H. Volunteers from Nov. 28, 1861, to June 18, 1862.

- 7 I. *Sarah A.*, b. July 28, 1840; md. Nov. 19, 1862, Frank B. Sawtelle. He was in the service one year in 20th Regiment and one year in 2d Heavy Artillery. He d. Nov. 24, 1883.
- 8 II. *Ermina L.*, b. March 18, 1842; md. Nov. 19,

1862, Milo O. Evans. He enlisted on quota of Deerfield June 10, 1864, in 2d Heavy Artillery and d. at Smithville, N. C., Aug. 30, 1865. Mrs. Evans was postmaster of Ashburnham from 1876 to 1886.

1 **DEA. TRISTRAM CHENEY** from Sudbury settled on the farm now of Henry Tuckerman about 1758. In 1763 he was admitted to the church on letter of recommendation from the "West church in Sudbury." He was a prominent citizen and it appears in Chap. IV, that while he remained in this town no one was more actively engaged in public affairs. In 1769 he was elected a deacon of the church in Ashburnham and was dismissed from the office at his request 1773. Between these dates he removed to Antrim, N. H. He was elected surveyor of clapboards 1769, but after that date his familiar name fades from the records of Ashburnham. For many years he resided in Antrim and was connected with the church in Hillsborough and perhaps resided some years in the latter town. In 1804 he removed to Vermont and d. in Danville 1816, aged 96 years. Dea. Cheney md. in Sudbury Nov. 28, 1745, Margaret Joyner. Their eldest children were b. probably in Sudbury. The birth of two is recorded in this town. In the following record it is not presumed that the order of age is preserved.

- 2 i. *Tristram*, was in Antrim a few years.
- 3 ii. *John*, removed to Ohio.
- 4 iii. *William*, resided and d. in Acworth, N. H.
- 5 iv. *Mary*, was in Ashburnham 1776.
- 6 v. *Elizabeth*, md. Timothy Wood, *q. v.*
- 7 vi. *Susannah*, b. in Ashburnham Nov. 2, 1759.
- 8 vii. *Elias*, b. in Ashburnham March 8, 1760; resided in Antrim, N. H., until 1804. Three years in the Revolutionary army. D. in Concord, Vt., 1816. He md. — Blanchard; md. (2d) Deborah Winchester, dau. of Samuel Winchester. Seven children by first and six by second marriage. His son Jesse, b. Oct. 3, 1788, md. Nov. 25, 1813, Alice Steele; lived in Hillsborough, Frankestown and Manchester, N. H., where he d. June 23, 1863. Benjamin P., James S. and Gilman Cheney of Cheney's United States and Canada Express are sons of Jesse and great-grandsons of Dea. Tristram Cheney.

1 FRANCIS CHILLER, a native of Canada, was b. Dec. 12, 1846; removed to this town 1865. He md. Nov. 6, 1866, Sarah Graveslin, dau. of Francis Graveslin of Montpelier, Vt. He is foreman in the Tub Factory of Geo. G. Rockwood.

2 I. *Frank E.*, b. Aug. 16, 1867.

1 THOMAS M. CHOATE, son of Rufus and Betsey (Maynard) Choate, was b. in Windsor, Me., March 6, 1818. He removed to this town 1852 and has followed the occupation of a painter in the chair shops. He md. Oct. 20, 1845, Julia Ann DeC. Paine, b. March 17, 1824, dau. of Pascal and Ruth (Bowen) Paine. Pascal Paine d. in this town June 24, 1866, and Ruth (Bowen) Paine, May 11, 1878.

2 I. *Emily Frances*, b. Feb. 8, 1849; d. Dec. 21, 1869.

3 II. *Clara Ann*, b. Jan. 25, 1854; d. May 21, 1868.

4 III. *Julia Thomas*, b. June 7, 1858; resides unmd. in this town.

5 IV. *Nellie Josephine*, b. March 3, 1862; resides unmd. in this town.

6 V. *Benjamin Franklin*, b. Oct. 2, 1863; d. Sept. 8, 1868.

1 DAVID CLARK in 1765 was a resident of Ashburnham. Possibly he settled here previous to that date. It is a current tradition that he came from Concord and that his children were b. there, but no mention of their birth appears in the Concord records. Mr. Clark and three of his sons served in the Revolution. *Vide* Chap. V. He d. of cancer Oct. 29, 1800. Mr. Cushing appends to the record "aged between 70 and 80 years." It is not certain that all the children are included in this register.

2 I. *David*, b. Oct. 19, 1758.+

3 II. *Daniel*, b. 1760.+

4 III. *Benjamin*, b. 1762. Removed 1787 to Reading, Vt.

5 IV. *Molly*. She was a mute; d. May 18, 1824.

(2) DAVID CLARK md. July 17, 1791, Sarah Davis, dau. of Capt. Deliverance Davis, *q. v.* He resided in this town until his death July 5, 1841. He is well remembered and was a prominent character among the Revolutionary heroes. His wife d. Oct. 10, 1823.

- 6 i. *Levi*, b. Feb. 15, 1792.†
- 7 ii. *Lucy* (twin), b. Feb. 15, 1792; md. February 11, 1818, Merari Spalding. Removed to Cuncord, Me., where he was drowned July 13, 1834.
- 8 iii. *Deliverance*, b. Dec. 31, 1793; d. July 31, 1857.
- 9 iv. *Dorothy*, b. Oct. 28. 1795; md. Jeremiah Metcalf, q. v.
- v. *Grata*, b. Aug. 16, 1797; md. Ichabod Mason; md. (2d) — Burnell; resides in Maine.
- 10 vi. *Lydia*, b. Sept. 8, 1799; md. Lewis L. Willard, q. v.
- 11 vii. *Sarah Davis*, b. Jan. 17, 1804; md. Nov. 16, 1828, Amos Haynes of Sudbury.
- 12 viii. *Infant*, b. and d. July 30, 1806.
- 13 ix. *George Washington*. b. Oct. 21, 1810; d. June 11, 1823.
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(3) DANIEL CLARK md. Oct. 4, 1785, Molly Ames of Rindge. He was not burdened with the goods of this world and resided at different times in several parts of the town. He d. Oct. 7, 1800. His widow md. Timothy Angier, q. v. Tradition and the records furnish information of seven children.

- 15 i. *David*, b. Sept. 3, 1786; md. 1819, Polly Bridge; removed to Northfield.
- 16 ii. *Anna*, b. June 12, 1788; d. unmd.
- 17 iii. *Thomas Ames*, b. July 30, 1790.
- 18 iv. *Azenath*, b. Dec. 10, 1792; md. — Darling; md. (2d) 1827, Paul Davis of Ashby.
- 19 v. *Molly*, b. July 27, 1795; md. Sept. 10, 1816, Amos Sprague of Ashby.
- 20 vi. *Zilpah*, md. — Robbins and resided in Northfield.
- 21 vii. *Charlotte*, md. April 17, 1834, Henry P. Hawks.

(6) LEVI CLARK was a farmer in this town. He md. Abigail Pratt, dau. of Job and Mercy (Williams) Pratt of Fitzwilliam, N. H.; she d. Oct. 8, 1859. He d. Jan. 19, 1862.

- 22 i. *George P.*, b. Nov. 30, 1814. In childhood he was called Job Clark; the name was changed in 1834. He md. Sarah Adams, dau. of Daniel and Dinah (Metcalf) Adams of Gardner. He d. Dec. 9, 1843; she md. John Cook, Jr., q. v.
- 23 1. *Harvey*, b. 1840. Served three years in 25th Regiment; md. Adaline P. Hinds,

dau. of Francis Hinds, *q. v.* Resides in Gardner.

- 24 II. *Emeline W.*, b. June 16, 1816; md. Humphrey Harris, *q. v.*
- 25 III. *Luthera*, b. June 26, 1818; d. March 8, 1838.
- 26 IV. *Charles*, b. May 29, 1820; md. Sept. 6, 1840, Martha Ann Taylor, dau. of Ephraim Taylor, *q. v.* He d. Jan. 30, 1879.
- 27 1. Martha A., b. July 27, 1842; d. May 4, 1858.
- 28 2. Charles N., b. Feb. 27, 1846; d. Jan. 11, 1852.
- 29 3. George, b. March 26, 1850; md. Sept. 7, 1874, Ada L. Ramsdell, dau. of George Ramsdell of New Ipswich. She d. Dec., 1883.
- 30 4. Harvey, b. Oct. 28, 1853; md. Oct. 29, 1879, Nellie I. Knox. Resides in Westfield.
- 31 V. *Luther*, b. March 31, 1822; md. March 31, 1841, Mary C. Corey, dau. of Stillman Corey, *q. v.* She d. Nov. 23, 1870; md. (2d) Jan. 27, 1885, Charlena (Buzzell) Tilton, dau. of Reuben A. and Eliza (Cook) Buzzell, and widow of Solomon C. Tilton of Rindge.
- 32 1. Alfred F., b. Feb. 4, 1842; md. July 27, 1862, Linda R. Bixby, dau. of Joel R. Bixby, *q. v.* They reside in this town.
- 33 2. Sarah Maria, b. Feb. 15, 1844; md. Martin V. B. Davis, son of Amos Davis; d. Aug. 19, 1870.
- 34 3. Mary Elizabeth, b. June 7, 1846; d. unmd. Nov. 6, 1872.
- 35 4. Lucy, b. Feb. 8, 1849; md. Sept. 1, 1868, Theo. L. Goodnow of Ashby.
- 36 5. Eliza Ellen, b. June 10, 1852; md. Jan. 5, 1872, Martin V. B. Davis.
- 37 6. Georgiana, b. July 28, 1854; md. Sept. 18, 1876, Henry C. Newell. Wholesale dealer in meat.
- 38 7. John L., b. April 7, 1856; md. Jan. 25, 1882, Abbie Jane Forristall, dau. of John M. and Mary J. (Wright) Forristall of Winchendon.
- 39 8. Jennie L., b. Oct. 15, 1858; md. Oct. 5, 1882, Hollis Mossman of this town.

- 40 VI. *Sarah D.*, b. June 27, 1824; md. Oct. 11, 1849, Handell Winship, son of Cyrus Winship of Westminster; she d. Jan. 10, 1875.
- 41 VII. *Joseph Elliot*, b. July 26, 1826; md. April 15, 1847, Louisa A. Hinds, dau. of Francis Hinds, q. v.
- 42 VIII. *Dorothy Metcalf*, b. Sept. 18, 1828; md. Nahum Wood, q. v.

43 JOSEPH CLARK and wife Eunice resided in this town a short time, about 1780. It is not known that he was related to the above named family. The records assert the birth of one child in this town.

- 44 I. *John*, b. Nov. 18, 1779.

45 SAMUEL CLARK and wife Eunice resided in this town several years early in the present century. His early and subsequent history is unknown.

- 46 I. *Susannah M.*, b. July 6, 1807.
- 47 II. *Aaron B.*, b. Dec. 1, 1809.
- 48 III. *Joseph*, b. Aug. 20, 1811.

1 EPHRAIM COBLEIGH removed to this town during the last decade of the past century. From 1787 to 1797 no tax lists are preserved. He is taxed here in 1798 and subsequently. He was by occupation a shoemaker. He d. Jan. 9, 1825. His widow Ruth md. Nov. 24, 1831, Benjamin Fuller, then of Fitchburg; he removed to this town, where he d. Feb. 8, 1838; she md. (3d) 1839, Joel Foster, q. v. By these marriages there was no issue. Catherine Fuller, a dau. of William Fuller by a former marriage, d. in this town Jan. 17, 1868, aged 66 years.

1 JAMES COLEMAN, sometimes written Colman, and wife Rachel, removed from Ipswich to the northeast part of the town in 1743. About the same time Dea. Moses Foster settled near him. To them falls the distinction of being the first permanent settlers in Dorchester Canada. During the troublous times from 1745 to 1749 it is known that Mr. Foster, retiring within the line of the block-houses, resided in Lunenburg. It is not probable that Mr. Coleman remained all the time during this period of insecurity in Dorchester Canada. However, he is found here continuously after 1750. For several years the nearest church was in Lunenburg, and in 1743 Mr. Coleman and

his wife brought letters from the church in Ipswich and united with it. In 1760, when the church was organized in Dorchester Canada, they transferred their church relations. From the record of this proceeding it has been erroneously inferred that Mr. Coleman at that time removed from Lunenburg to this place. The records of every year afford ample evidence that except during the years 1745 to 1749, of which little is known, Mr. Coleman resided continuously in this town. He was appointed on committees by the proprietors and was held in high esteem by his associates. In 1765, at the first town meeting in Ashburnham, he was chosen one of the selectmen and a surveyor of the highways. When Ashby was incorporated his house and his lands were included in that town, where his descendants have been numerous. He d. Aug. 15, 1773.

- 2 i. *Rachel*, md. Daniel Harper, *q. v.*
- 3 ii. *Elizabeth*.
- 4 iii. *Job*, md. Feb. 20, 1766, Elizabeth Martin, dau. of John Martin, *q. v.*; he resided in this town several years after his father and younger brothers became residents of Ashby. He was here in 1770 and in 1775 he was residing in Shelburne.
- 5 1. Samuel, bap. in Ashburnham, 1769.
- 6 iv. *Mary*, bap. in Lunenburg July 8, 1744.
- 7 v. *Aaron*, bap. in Lunenburg Aug. 24, 1746; md. Feb., 1772, Eleanor Boynton of Lunenburg. After re-siding in Ashby a few years he lived a short time in this town.
- 8 1. Nellie, b. Dec. 3, 1772.
- 9 vi. *Benjamin*, bap. in Lunenburg Aug. 3, 1749; md. Dec. 25, 1770, Susannah Martin, dau. of John Martin, *q. v.* He was a prominent citizen of Ashby. Town Clerk 1794-8.
- 10 vii. *Solomon*, b. June 20, 1752. After a residence in Ashby and in Sharon. N. H., he removed to this town in 1776. He md. 1776, Hepsibah Davis of Ashby.
- 11 1. Lucy, b. July 28, 1777.
- 12 2. Isaac, b. Feb. 8, 1779.
- 13 3. Lavina, b. Sept. 4, 1780.
- 14 4. Hepsibah, b. June 12, 1782.
- 15 5. Sally, b. March 31, 1784.
- 16 6. Lydia, b. Dec. 30, 1785.

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| 17 | 7. Anna, b. Oct. 14, 1787. |
| 18 | 8. James, b. Feb. 5, 1791. |
| 19 | VIII. <i>Ruth</i> , b. Oct. 23, 1754. |
| 20 | IX. <i>Abigail</i> , b. Sept. 26, 1758; md. 1774, Jacob Lewi of Ashby. |

EBENEZER CONANT, the first of the name in Ashburnham, was of the fourth generation in America. He was a son of Roger and Mary (Raymond) Conant, a grandson of Lot and Elizabeth (Walton) Conant and a great-grandson of Roger and Sarah Conant, the emigrant ancestors. Roger Conant, father of Ebenezer, removed from Beverly to Concord about 1720 and was living in 1745.

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| 1 | EBENEZER CONANT was b. in Beverly Dec. 30, 1698 and removed to Concord with his father where he resided until 1762, when he removed to Ashburnham. He was a man of character and influence and his name receives frequent and honorable mention in the annals of his time. He m. <i>Ruth</i> Pierce. He d. Oct. 24, 1784; she d. Nov. 19, 1797, "aged over 80 years." |
| 2 | I. <i>Mary</i> , b. Feb. 17, 1734. |
| 3 | II. <i>Lydia</i> , b. Aug. 12, 1737. |
| 4 | III. <i>Hannah</i> , b. Feb. 12, 1740; md. Josiah Dodge of Ashburnham, q. v. |
| 5 | IV. <i>Ebenezer</i> , b. Aug. 11, 1743.† |
| 6 | V. <i>Eunice</i> , b. Dec. 4, 1745. |
| 7 | VI. <i>Abigail</i> , b. Oct. 27, 1749; md. — Sellingham. Vide Selham register. |
| 8 | VII. <i>Ruth</i> , b. Aug. 11, 1752; md. Sept. 8, 1774 Moses Ware of Fitzwilliam, N. H. |
| 9 | VIII. <i>Elizabeth</i> , b. April 8, 1755; md. Moses Tottingham, q. v. |

- (5) EBENEZER CONANT, JR., was a prominent citizen of this town. He was a lieutenant in Capt. Davis' company 1775, and also served nine months in the Continental army in 1779. He resided and built a mill at the outlet of Rice pond and his name is frequently mentioned in the early chapters of the History of Ashburnham. He m. Nov. 29, 1766, Lydia Oak of Harvard. He d. Aug. 3, 1783, and his widow with six surviving children continued a residence in this town until the sons had grown up and had settled in Brandon, Vt., where one of the daughters, the wife of Capt. David Merriam, was residing. Many of the descendants of Ebenezer Conant have been distinguished in literary and business pursuits. The following children were b. in Ashburnham.

- 10 I. *Lydia*, b. Nov. 21, 1768; d. 1776.
- 11 II. *Sarah*, b. Oct. 17, 1770; md. Jonathan Merriam,
q. v.
- 12 III. *John*, b. Feb. 2, 1773. +
- 13 IV. *Elizabeth*, b. March 15, 1775; md. Capt. David
Merriam, q. v.
- 14 V. *Ebenezer*, b. June 6, 1777. Removed to Brandon,
Vt., 1816, and to Geneva, Ill., about 1833. He
md. Rebecca Stuart; (2d) Fanny Clifford; (3d)
Polly Olive Wright. Seven children; among
them Rev. Augustus Hammond Conant, a
Unitarian clergyman of Geneva and Rockford,
Ill.
- 15 VI. *Calvin*, b. May 30, 1779; md. Esther Rich of
Pittsford, Vt. Removed to Putnam, Ohio. Six
children.
- 16 VII. *Luther*, b. June 24, 1782; md. Regina Bemis and
removed to Geneva, Ill., where he d. 1835.
Five children.
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- (12) JOHN CONANT, son of Ebenezer, Jr., and Lydia (Oak)
Conant, md. in Ashburnham Nov. 20, 1794, Charity
Broughton, dau. of Wait Broughton, q. v. He resided in
this town until 1798, when he removed to Brandon, Vt.,
where he was active and prosperous in business. He was
a presidential elector 1844 and occupied many positions
of trust.
- 17 I. *Cynthia*, b. in Ashburnham June 2, 1795; md.
Dr. J. F. Merriam of Brandon.
- 18 II. *Samuel Stillman*, b. in Ashburnham March 26,
1797; md. 1817, Elizabeth Mills. Resided in
Brooklyn, N. Y. Six children.
- 19 III. *Chauncey Washington*, b. Jan. 11, 1799; md. 1821,
Rachel Fuller; resided in Brandon. Three
children.
- 20 IV. *Thomas Jefferson*, b. Dec. 13, 1802; md. July 12,
1830, Hannah Chaplin; resides in Brooklyn,
N. Y. A noted Hebrew scholar, he was engaged
in the revision of the Old Testament and has
been an esteemed contributor to Appletons'
Encyclopedia. His son, Samuel Stillman Conant,
recently deceased, has been managing editor of
the New York Times and for many years
business editor of Harpers' Weekly; another
son, Thomas Oakes Conant, is in the U. S.
Assay Office in New York and has published
a collection of poems.

- 21 v. *Sophronia*, b. May 14, 1805; md. Samuel Heard of Chicago, Ill.
 22 vi. *Caroline C.*, b. March 8, 1807; md. James Long of Chicago.
 23 vii. *Clara*, b. May 21, 1809; md. Rev. Dr. Pharcellus Church, an eminent divine, now of Tarrytown, N. Y.; their son, William C. Church, is editor of the *Army and Navy Journal*, New York.
 24 viii. *Frances Maria*, b. May 29, 1812; md. Rev. B. Brierly of San Francisco, Cal.

25 JONATHAN CONANT and wife Eunice resided in this town a few years between 1760 and 1770, and possibly for a longer period. He was probably a son of Israel and Martha (Lamson) Conant, and if so he was b. in Concord Feb. 3, 1733, and was a nephew of Ebenezer Conant, Sen. Three children were b. in this town.

- 26 i. *William*, b. Aug. 17, 1765.
 27 ii. *Jonathan*, b. Jan. 14, 1767.
 28 iii. *Israel*, b. Oct. 30, 1768.

29 LYMAN CONANT resided in the Central Village several years, beginning about 1828, and was engaged in the manufacture of chairs. He was a son of Josiah and Annis (Derby) Conant and was b. in Gardner Aug. 12, 1805. He md. Emma Wells. Two children were b. in this town.

- 30 i. *Charlotte Caroline*, b. Sept. 3, 1831.
 31 ii. *Mary Elizabeth*, b. July 3, 1833.

CONN.

Among the sturdy and frugal emigrants, who came to America from the province of Ulster in the north of Ireland, about 1720, was George Conn. These emigrants were Presbyterians, and in their general character were distinguished for industry, thrift and intelligence. They are called Scotch-Irish from the fact that they were descendants of Scots who had resided some time in Ireland. The circumstances of the emigration from Scotland to Ireland and from Ireland to America, their maintenance of their religion, their progress in education and the industrial arts, their thrift under governmental restraint and their sturdy, unbending characteristics under persecution present a most interesting study. The impress of their character in every community in which they have resided has been conspicuous. Most frequently they settled in colonies. George Conn separated from his kindred and settled in Harvard, and there reared a large family and his descendants have carried the name to many towns in New England. John Conn of Ashburnham was his son. The descendants of George Conn, another son of the emigrant, have resided and are now living in several towns in New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

1 JOHN CONN, the first of the name in Ashburnham, son
of George Conn the emigrant, was b. in Harvard 1740.
He came to this town probably in 1761. He was a prom-
inent citizen and his name is frequently mentioned in the
list of town officers. He was a lieutenant in one of the
companies of minute-men and attended the company to
Cambridge in April, 1775. He md. Feb. 24, 1762, Ruth
Davis of Harvard, and d. in this town June 3, 1803, aged
63 years.

2 I. *Elizabeth*, b. Feb. 14, 1763.

3 II. *Mary*, b. June 14, 1764; md. Phinehas Hemen-
way, *q. v.*

4 III. *Lydia*, b. Dec. 26, 1765; d. April 12, 1786.

5 IV. *John*, b. Aug. 6, 1768.†

6 V. *George*, b. July 19, 1770. He removed to New
York and resided near Lake Champlain. No
information of his family has been secured,
except that he md. 1792, Dilly Brown.

7 VI. *Susannah*, b. June 16, 1772; md. David Wallis,
q. v.

8 VII. *Ruth*, b. Aug. 12, 1774; md. July 3, 1797, Oliver
Blood of Groton and subsequently of Harvard.

9 VIII. *Lucy* (twin), b. Aug. 12, 1774; md. April 25,
1796, Eleazer Spalding, son of Eleazer Spalding
of Chelmsford and Townsend. They resided in
Ashby, where she d. Aug. 16, 1825. He d.
June 22, 1837.

10 1. Luther, b. July 27, 1797; md. Susan
Gregory, b. Aug. 9, 1801, dau. of Josiah
Gregory; resided in Ashby.

11 2. Alfred, b. March 15, 1799; md. Betsey
Lawrence. They resided in Ashby.

12 3. Lucy, b. July 30, 1801; md. Jonathan
Whitney, resided in Sterling.

13 4. Syrene, b. Oct. 29, 1804.

14 5. Eleazer, b. Nov. 4, 1816; md. Sophronia
Smith, dau. of Silas and Anna (Watson)
Smith of Rindge; resides in New Ips-
wich.

15 IX. *Margaret*, b. 1778; bap. Sept. 13; md. Nov. 28,
1799, Abel Hunt, son of Abel Hunt of Tem-
pleton. They resided in Ashburnham and in
Templeton. The partial record of one child has
been secured.

16 1. Ezra, b. 1809; d. in Sterling Dec. 31,
1853.

- (5) JOHN CONN md. Mary Farwell, probably a dau. of Samuel and Elizabeth (Shed) Farwell of Pepperell. He was a substantial farmer in this town. He d. May 2, 1803, aged 35 years. She d. Oct. 1, 1830, aged 60 years.
- 17 I. *Infant*. b. and d. 1790.
- 18 II. *John*, b. Jan. 30, 1794. +
- 19 III. *Lydia*, md. Charles Munroe, *q. v.*
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- (18) JOHN CONN was a prominent citizen of Ashburnham. He was a farmer and a manufacturer of chairs. His upright character and excellent qualities are attested by many now living. He md. Sept. 26, 1816, Eunice Rice, dau. of Reuben Rice. *q. v.* She d. June 26, 1828; he md. (2d) Sept. 19, 1829, Matilda Rice, a sister of his first wife. He d. April 1, 1864. She d. April 7, 1881.
- 20 I. *John Austin*, b. April 10, 1817; md. Sept. 18, 1843, Nancy Maria Petts, dau. of John Petts, *q. v.* He resided in this town and later in Fitchburg, where he d. May 22, 1885.
- 21 1. Eunice Maria, b. Sept. 6, 1844; md. Wilbur N. Priest.
- 22 2. Edwin Austin, b. Nov. 6, 1846; d. Sept. 4, 1848.
- 23 3. Abbie Eliza. b. Nov. 25, 1848.
- 24 4. Frances Adeline, b. Sept. 11, 1850; d. March 5, 1851.
- 25 5. Charles Reuben, b. May 26, 1852.
- 26 II. *Reuben Rice*, b. Nov. 10, 1825; md. Oct. 13, 1852, Harriet E. Harding, dau. of Rev. Charles R. and Nancy (Barrows) Harding. He is a silversmith and jeweller in Fitchburg.
- 27 1. Edward, b. July 20, 1853; d. Sept. 10, 1854.
- 28 2. Lucy Maria, b. July 20, 1855; md. Nov. 24, 1881, J. H. Potter.
- 29 3. Herbert W., b. Jan. 10, 1859; md. 1885, Julia Joel. He is Professor of Biology in Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn.
- 30 4. Lilhe B., b. April 6, 1869.
- 31 III. *Edwin*, b. May, 1828; d. June 25, 1832.

CONSTANTINE.

The first family of this name residing in Ashburnham consisted of a widow and her son Jacob. The husband and father d. previous to their removal

to this town. The date of their arrival is uncertain and there is no evidence that they came with the first German families in 1758, but not many years later they were residing on the Kibling farm. There being no male member of the family of an age to participate in town affairs the name does not appear upon the records until the son Jacob arrived to the dignity of manhood. In 1785 John Kiblinger and Jacob Constantine exchanged farms, each farm containing one hundred and thirty acres. The widow Constantine d. in this town April 25, 1782, aged about 70 years. There are many traditions concerning the history of the father of Jacob Constantine, but each one contradicts another and they agree on only the one point that he d. before the family removed to this town. All the Constantines of Ashburnham are descendants of Jacob the son, whose family record appears in the following register.

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| 1 | JACOB CONSTANTINE, b. 1752, md. July 6, 1773, Elizabeth Whiteman, dau. of Christian William Whiteman, q. v. He was an enterprising citizen, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and subsequently became the owner of considerable land in this town. March 4, 1814, he was thrown from his sleigh in Ashby and d. March 8 from injuries received. His wife was with him at the time of the accident but escaped without serious injury. |
| 2 | i. Anna, b. April 9, 1774; md. Thomas Foot of New Haven, Vt. |
| 3 | ii. Jacob, b. April 27, 1776. + |
| 4 | iii. Elizabeth, b. July 19, 1778; md. Almon Bennett, q. v. |
| 5 | iv. Caty, b. Nov. 27, 1780; d. Oct. 23, 1800. |
| 6 | v. William, b. Feb. 16, 1782; md. Eliza Holmes of Virginia. He d. 1847, in Wallingford, Vt. No children. |
| 7 | vi. Sally, b. Aug. 1, 1785; d. young. |
| 8 | vii. Joel, b. Feb. 23, 1788. + |
| 9 | viii. John, b. 1791; d. Feb. 1, 1800. |
| 10 | ix. Amy, b. 1793; d. Feb. 5, 1800. |
| 11 | x. Oliver. b. Nov. 20, 1795; md. Olive Keyes of Wallingford, Vt. He d. 1829 by accident in Cuttingsville, Vt. |
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| (3) | JACOB CONSTANTINE, JR., md. 1797, Eunice Sawin, dau. of Jonathan and Mary (Whitney) Sawin of Westminster. He resided in this town a few years, and then removed to Wallingford, Vt. Subsequently he returned to this town, where he remained several years. Late in life he removed to Mount Holley, Vt., where he d. Jan. 12, 1847; she d. Aug. 29, 1849. They had nine children. |
| 12 | i. Jacob. |
| 13 | ii. John, md. Sophia Britton of Westmoreland, N. |

- H. He resided in Malone, N. Y., where he d. 1884.
- 14 iii. *James*, md. Martha Britton of Westmoreland. N. H. He resided in Malone and subsequently in Westville Centre, N. Y., where he d. 1882.
- 15 iv. *Chloe*, md. Everett Gates, *q. v.*
- 16 v. *Laura*, md. Asa Bennett, *q. v.*; md. (2d) John Adams, *q. v.*
- 17 vi. *Sally*, md. Henry Allen. son of Benjamin and Asenath (Coleman) Allen of Ashby. Resides in East Wallingford, Vt. He d. Feb. 11, 1885.
- 18 vii. *Jacob S.*, md. Sept. 1, 1833, Nancy Derby of Westminster. He resides in Cuttingsville, Vt.
- 19 viii. *Lucinda*, b. July 3, 1812; md. Dec. 10, 1838, Washington Fuller. son of Joseph and Annie (Knight) Fuller of Westmoreland, N. H. They resided in Westmoreland, Keene, N. H., and Springfield, Mass., where she d. Jan. 27, 1879. They had three children.
- 20 1. George Washington, b. Sept. 11, 1839.
- 21 2. Levi Knight, b. Feb. 24, 1841; md. May 8, 1865, Abbie E. Estey, dau. of Jacob Estey of Brattleboro, Vt. Col. Fuller for many years has been an active member of the firm of J. Estey & Co., organ manufacturers and is vice-president of the corporation. He is an influential factor in the political and public affairs of the State of Vermont. Since this register was written he has been elected Lieutenant-Governor of Vermont.
- 22 3. Mary Ann, b. Sept. 18, 1845; d. unm. d. Oct. 15, 1880.
- 23 ix. *Mary*, d. young.
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- (8) JOEL CONSTANTINE md. Jan. 27, 1811, Asenath Grimes, b. April 11, 1782, dau. of Joseph and Huldah (Wheelock) Grimes of Hubbardston. He removed in 1815 to Wallingford, Vt. He was a farmer and at Wallingford he had a saw-mill which he conducted in connection with his farm. He d. Jan. 13, 1857; she d. Oct. 7, 1861.
- 24 1. *Alfred Alexander*, b. May 5, 1812. He is a clergyman residing at Summit, N. J., and has been in Africa under the auspices of the Baptist Missions. He md. July 2, 1840, Mary Fales; she d. June 29, 1874.

- 25 II. *Eliza C.*, b. Feb. 5, 1814; d. Sept. 3, 1815.
 26 III. *George*, b. Sept. 25, 1816; d. unmd. Aug. 10, 1852.
 27 IV. *Austin*, b. May 9, 1827; md. Urania Ann Thompson; she d. April 21, 1860; md. (2d) Rosanna Cook who d. Jan. 22, 1865. He removed from Vermont to Vineland, N. J., where he md. (3d) Jan. 2, 1872, Mary J. Sturges.

- 1 JOHN COOK md. Anna Beal and resided in Winchendon near the border of this town. So many of his children became allied by marriage to Ashburnham families that a brief record is given. They had thirteen children.
 2 I. *Anna*, b. July 21, 1798; md. John Lane, *q. v.*
 3 II. *Tryphena*, b. Sept. 9, 1799; md. 1819, Thomas Flint, son of Thomas and Abigail (Brown) Flint of Winchendon; removed to State of New York.
 4 III. *Mary F.*, b. April 23, 1801; md. Samuel Baldwin, *q. v.*
 5 IV. *John*, b. March 20, 1803; d. an infant.
 6 V. *John*, b. March 15, 1805. +
 7 VI. *Deborah*, b. July 30, 1806; md. Joel Merriam, *q. v.*
 8 VII. *Martin*, b. March 1, 1808; resided on the homestead in Winchendon.
 9 VIII. *Clara*, b. Jan. 26, 1810; md. Nov. 27, 1833. Milo Derby, *q. v.*
 10 IX. *Edward*, b. June 12, 1812; d. in St. Louis; his son, Lemuel W. Cook, is a photographer in Boston.
 11 X. *Ivers*, b. May 21, 1814; resides in Westminster, Vt.; md. Dorothy Miller. Four children.
 12 XI. *Abigail*, b. May 17, 1816; md. Abner Moore, son of William and Mary (Fitch) Moore of Sharon, N. H. Three children.
 13 XII. *Eliza*, b. March 26, 1820; md. 1842, Reuben A. Buzzell and resided several years in this town. They removed to Rindge 1862, where she d. June 4, 1883. Five children.
 14 XIII. *Joanna*, b. Aug. 15, 1822; md. John N. Richardson; resided in Fitzwilliam, N. H., and Winchendon. He is a merchant.

- (6) JOHN COOK, JR., md. April 3, 1832, Roxanna Lane, dau. of Benjamin Lane, *q. v.* She d. Feb. 24, 1834. He md. (2d) Nov. 12, 1834, Cynthia Metcalf, dau. of Jeremiah Metcalf, *q. v.* She d. June 19, 1844, and he md. (3d)

Sarah (Adams) Clark, widow of George Clark. *q. v.* E removed from town about 1860 and is now residing at Brighton, Ill. The following names include one child by first, four by second, and three by the third marriage.

- 15 I. *Sarah Roxanna*, b. Oct. 6, 1833; md. 1851. Jacob Hart of Keene; she resides, a widow, at Bellow Falls, Vt.
- 16 II. *George William*, b. Nov. 20, 1836; d. unmd. Oct. 9, 1855.
- 17 III. *Leonard Newton*, b. Oct. 10, 1838; d. in St. Louis, 1866.
- 18 IV. *Martha J.*, b. Jan. 3, 1840; md. Oct. 9, 1867. Prentiss A. Maynard of Keene, N. H. He d. June 23, 1869; md. (2d) Sept. 10, 1871. Andrew J. Williams; resides in Keene, N. H.
- 19 V. *John Levi*, b. Aug. 8, 1841; md. Christiana Pettit who d. Sept. 28, 1871; md. (2d) 1878. Abner Clifford; resides in Florida.
- 20 VI. *Cynthia*, resides at Brighton, Ill.
- 21 VII. *Daniel*, resides at Brighton, Ill.
- 22 VIII. *Laura A.*, resides at Brighton, Ill.

ELISHA COOLIDGE, the first one of the name in this town, was a descendant in the fourth generation of John Coolidge, the emigrant ancestor, who was admitted freeman May 25, 1636. He was an early proprietor and resident of Watertown, a representative and many years a selectman. His will was dated 1681 and proved 1691, but the exact date of his death is not recorded. By wife Mary, he had eight children, the eldest of whom were probably b. in England. Nathaniel, a son of John and Mary Coolidge, md. Oct. 15, 1657, Mary Bright, b. April 23, 1639, dau. of Henry and Anne (Goldstone) Bright. In the records he was styled a tailor, but his inventory which included "three farms, mills and fishing wear," would indicate that he had other employments. The ninth of thirteen children of Henry and Anne (Goldstone) Coolidge, was Dea. John Coolidge, b. about 1674. He md. Jan. 16, 1699, Margaret Bond, b. in Watertown Oct. 1, 1681, dau. of William and Hepsibah (Hastings) Bond. He d. April 26, 1755. Among their children were Elisha Coolidge of Ashburnham, and Henry Coolidge, a resident of Cambridge and one of the proprietors of Dorchester Canada. Another son was William Coolidge of Waltham, the father of the wife of Col. Francis Lane and the wife of Samuel Cutting.

- 1 ELISHA COOLIDGE, son of Dea. John and Martha (Bond) Coolidge, was b. in Watertown July 9, 1720; md. Sarah ——. After a brief residence in Cambridge he removed to Dorchester Canada 1752. He was an innholder here in 1752, 1759, 1760, 1761 and probably during other years. His valuable service in forwarding the settlement and his connection with the early mills in this town are outlined in the early chapters of this record. He was frequently chosen to office and the high esteem in which he was held

is reflected in many pages of the records of this town. He was one of the original members of the church, but in 1778 he united with the Baptists. He d. Aug. 29, 1807.

- 2 I. *Catherine*, b. May 3, 1755; md. 1773, John Gates
of Ashburnham, *q. v.*
- 3 II. *Sarah*, b. May 23, 1757; md. Dea. Jacob Kib-
linger, *q. v.*
- 4 III. *Permelia*, b. Nov. 3, 1758.
- 5 IV. *Jonathan*, b. Sept. 6, 1760.
- 6 V. *Judith*, b. Sept. 23, 1762; md. April 14, 1784,
Isaiah Stone of Dummerston, Vt.
- 7 VI. *John*, b. Nov. 7, 1764.
- 8 VII. *Elizabeth*, b. Nov. 30, 1766.
- 9 VIII. *Elisha*, b. Nov. 19, 1768; md. Nov. 11, 1804,
Mary Cushing, dau. of Rev. John Cushing, *q. v.*
He d. leaving one son, and she md. (2d) Rev.
Asa Rand, son of Col. Daniel and Susannah
(Hemenway) Rand of Rindge. He d. Aug. 24,
1871; she d. June 12, 1871.
- 10 IX. *Relief*, b. Sept. 26, 1770.
- 11 X. *Lucy*, b. Nov. 8, 1772.
- 12 XI. *Flavel*, b. Jan. 19, 1775; md. Jan. 30, 1806,
Nancy Wildes.

1 HEZEKIAH COREY, son of John and Ruth Corey, was b. in Chelmsford 1736, and was taxed there 1757. Previous to 1763 he removed to New Ipswich and was a prominent man in the affairs of that town several years. In 1771 he was an officer in the militia and ever after he bore the title of lieutenant. He removed to this town during the Revolution. In 1780 he was chosen fence viewer, which is the first mention of his name in the records, and the following year he was a selectman. In subsequent years he was chosen to other positions of trust and evidently he was held in high esteem. He d. Oct. 23, 1818; she d. Oct. 9, 1820. Four children were b. in New Ipswich and two in Ashburnham.

- 2 I. *Hezekiah*, b. Jan. 7, 1765. +
- 3 II. *John*, b. March 4, 1769. +
- 4 III. *Amos*, b. Jan. 4, 1774. +
- 5 IV. *Stephen*, b. Sept. 27, 1775. +
- 6 V. *Jonas*, b. 1777. +
- 7 VI. *Sally*, b. 1779; md. Jan. 24, 1804, John Jefts, son
of John Jefts of Mason, N. H.
- 8 VII. *Rhoda*, bap. 1782; md. May 26, 1803, George W.
Joslin, *q. v.*
- 9 VIII. *Dolly*, bap. 1785; md. James Scollay, *q. v.*

(2) **HEZEKIAH COREY** md. Jan. 20, 1791, Lucy Townsen
b. Feb. 19, 1769, dau. of Joshua and Mary Townsend,
v. He d. Nov. 16, 1833; she d. Nov. 11, 1867, ag
nearly 99 years. Seven children.

- 10 I. *Lucy*, b. Nov. 20, 1791; md. Jan. 20, 1820, W
lard Jefts of Asbby; she d. Oct. 20, 1871.
- 11 II. *Achsah*, b. March 7, 1793; d. unmd. Oct. 2
1852.
- 12 III. *Asahel*, b. March 11, 1794. +
- 13 IV. *Sarah*, md. 1820, Joel Fenno.
- 14 V. *Mary*, md. 1817, William Fenno.
- 15 VI. *Levi*, b. 1807. +
- 16 VII. *Hezekiah*, b. Jan. 7, 1814; d. unmd. Oct. 3
1842.

(3) **JOHN COREY** md. June 7, 1792, Milly Stone, dau. o
Joseph Stone, *q. v.* He was a farmer and resided in th
town until about 1815, when he removed to Walther
Seven children were b. in this town.

- 17 I. *John*, b. Oct. 17, 1792.
- 18 II. *Stillman*, b. March 22, 1795; md. Martha Brigha
of Marlboro; d. 1824, leaving five childre
and among them was Mary who md. Luth
Clark, *q. v.* The widow of Stillman Corey m
(2d) George Safford of Fitchburg.
- 19 III. *Milly*, b. Feb. 1, 1797.
- 20 IV. *Joseph*, b. Aug. 12, 1799.
- 21 V. *Harris*, b. Feb. 23, 1802.
- 22 VI. *Harriet* (twin), b. Feb. 23, 1802.
- 23 VII. *Infant*, b. 1805; d. March 17, 1806.

(4) **AMOS COREY** md. July 7, 1798, Achsah Townsend, dau
of Joshua, *q. v.* In 1801 he removed to Washington. 2
H. He md. (2d) Louisa Jefts. The first wife was th
mother of all his children.

- 24 I. *Linda*, b. Jan. 7, 1799; d. young.
- 25 II. *Clarissa*, b. Oct. 8, 1800; d. 1802.
- 26 III. *Amos*, b. Sept. 19, 1802; md. Dec. 8, 1827, Ro
anna Wright of Sullivan, N. H. He lived i
Washington, N. H., until 1857, when he remove
to Antrim, N. H., where he d. April 6, 1872.
His widow d. Sept. 7, 1872. Of their fou
children two d. unmd.
- 27 I. Achsah, b. 1828; md. Peter Shuttlewort
of Southboro.

- 28 2. George F., b. 1836; md. Clara R. Hill of
 Antrim and resides in Waltham.
- 29 iv. *Nathan*, b. 1804; md. Aug. 30, 1825, Louisa
 Wright, dau. of Jacob Wright, Jr. He resided
 in Stoddard, Charlestown and Boscawen, N. H.,
 where he d. Sept. 20, 1879. Six children.
- 30 v. *Jonas R.*, d. at age of nine years.
- 31 vi. *Mary*, b. Dec. 13, 1809; md. Nov. 4, 1845, Nahum
 Newton; reside in Southboro.
- 32 vii. *Achsah*, b. Sept. 2, 1813; md. David Smith;
 resided in Ohio and Lafayette, Ill., where she
 d. Jan. 14, 1867.

- (5) STEPHEN COREY md. Oct. 24, 1793, Joanna Adams, dau.
of John Adams, *q. v.* Her name was generally written
Anna. He was a farmer and a tanner and resided in the
south part of the town. He was for many years fre-
quently employed in public affairs. He d. Oct. 7, 1823;
she d. Nov. 18, 1868, aged 93 years.

- 33 i. *Polly*, b. Feb. 23, 1794; md. John Willard, *q. v.*
- 34 ii. *Stephen*, b. Nov. 27, 1795. +
- 35 iii. *Nancy*, b. Jan. 3, 1799; md. May 30, 1821, Levi
 Todd, son of Joshua and Tabitha (Hunt) Todd
 of Rindge. They resided in Hinsdale, N. H.,
 where she d. Oct. 3, 1872; he d. Nov. 23, 1873.
- 36 1. George W., b. Nov. 3, 1822; md. Nov.
 24, 1846, Henrietta Tuttle.
- 37 2. Nancy A., b. Jan. 17, 1825; md. James
 Boyce.
- 38 3. Walter C., b. Sept. 23, 1826; md. Mary
 Spaulding.
- 39 4. Levi Leonard, b. June 28, 1828; d. Oct.
 10, 1852.
- 40 5. Lucy Lucinda (twin), b. June 28, 1828;
 d. Jan. 22, 1831.
- 41 6. Mary J., b. Aug. 24, 1835; d. Sept. 22,
 1853.
- 42 iv. *Almira*, b. Feb. 27, 1801; md. Silas Rice, *q. v.*
- 43 v. *Melinda*, b. Sept. 10, 1803; md. James Hayward
 of Ashby.
- 44 vi. *Lucinda*, b. July 29, 1806; md. Jonathan O. Ban-
 croft, *q. v.*
- 45 vii. *Walter*, b. March 5, 1809. +
- 46 viii. *Betsey*, b. Aug. 20, 1811; drowned in a tan vat
 Aug. 12, 1815.

- 47 ix. *David A.*, b. March 19, 1815; he resided in Chicago, Ill., where he d. unmd. Feb. 21, 1886.
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- (6) JONAS COREY md. 1817, Lucy Stone, dau. of Joseph Stone, *q. v.* He resided in this town, where he d. Feb. 23, 1860. He failed to support his family, and his wife and children removed from this town many years ago. An infant d. Feb. 21, 1823. Among their children were Sarah F. and George Lewis.
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- (12) ASAHEL COREY, son of Hezekiah Corey, Jr., md. 1817, Mary Conant, dau. of Josiah and Annis (Derby) Conant, Gardner. He was a merchant and an influential citizen of this town. Representative 1833, '34, '35, '36.
- 48 i. *Jonas*, b. June 29, 1816. For many years he was engaged in the manufacture of chairs and lumber. He md. May 25, 1845, Susan A. Cushing, dau. of Laban Cushing, *q. v.* They removed 1850 to Fitchburg, where she d. Jan. 12, 1857. He md. (2d) Feb. 22, 1870, Mrs. Adaline A. George. He d. Oct. 28, 1878.
- 49 1. Waldo C., b. March 31, 1847; md. March 14, 1883, Clara B. Goodspeed, dau. of Geo. N. Goodspeed. They reside in Winchendon.
- 50 2. Frank Eugene, b. March 31, 1850; resides unmd. in St. Louis, Mo.
- 51 ii. *Charles A.*, b. May 23, 1826; md. July 13, 1847, Elizabeth L. Barry, dau. of Thomas and Lucinda Barry of Athol. He resided in Fitchburg where he d. Sept. 28, 1870. Two children.
- 52 1. Ella Lizzie, b. Dec. 22, 1850; d. unmd. March 28, 1878.
- 53 2. Fred. A., b. Oct. 13, 1852; md. Aug. 14, 1883, Katie E. Clifford, dau. of John and Ellen Clifford of Fitchburg; resides in Boston.
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- (15) LEVI COREY, a brother of Asahel, md. June 10, 1830, Sarah L. Gross, dau. of Peaks Gross, *q. v.* He was a merchant. He d. May 3, 1854. She md. (2d) Oct. 1, 1858, Charles Buttrick, *q. v.*
- 54 i. *George Bronson*, b. Aug. 10, 1831; md. Feb. 28, 1861. He resides in Desota, Ill.

- 55 II. *Adalaide L.*, b. Oct. 20, 1835; md. March 20, 1868, Samuel C. Lesure. They resided in Chelsea, where she d. March 15, 1885. He formerly resided several years in Ashburnham; was in the service in the war of the Rebellion and subsequently an officer in the Rice Guards.
- 56 III. *Eveline A.*, b. Oct. 19, 1851; d. unmd. Aug. 19, 1875. An estimable young lady.

(34) STEPHEN COREY, son of Stephen, md. Sept. 19, 1820, Mary White, dau. of Elisha White, *q. v.* He resided upon the farm now owned by his youngest son. He was a farmer and for a number of years he continued the business of tanning established by his father. He d. Dec. 22, 1867; she d. Nov. 6, 1866.

- 57 I. *Stephen W.*, b. May 31, 1822; md. Julia Draper. Resides in New Portland, Me.
- 58 II. *Mary H.*, b. April 9, 1825; d. Aug. 4, 1846.
- 59 III. *Augusta H.*, b. May 28, 1827; md. John M. Frost of Ashby.
- 60 IV. *Sarah W.*, b. Aug. 16, 1829; md. John G. Coult of Manchester, N. H.
- 61 V. *Walter A.*, b. June 29, 1831; d. unmd. Jan. 25, 1862.
- 62 VI. *Susan M.*, b. Dec. 10, 1833; md. Frank B. Stoddard, son of Charles and Lovisa (Brigham) Stoddard of Chesterfield, N. H. She d. in this town June 25, 1863.
- 63 VII. *David A.*, b. June 20, 1836. Was a merchant in Fitchburg from 1858 to 1883. He is now treasurer of the Snow Cattle Co., at their eastern office in Fitchburg. The company owns about 300,000 acres of grazing land in Wyoming. He md. Jan. 31, 1860, Josephine Goddard, dau. of Joel Goddard of Templeton. She d. March 9, 1865. He md. (2d) Oct. 9, 1866, Nellie Heywood, dau. of Walter and Nancy (Foster) Heywood.
- 64 VIII. *Ellen M.*, b. Dec. 26, 1838; md. George Coult. They reside in Worcester.
- 65 IX. *Abbie M.*, b. Oct. 25, 1841.
- 66 X. *George F.*, b. Jan. 2, 1844; md. June 24, 1869, Ellen R. Hinds, dau. of Francis Hinds, *q. v.* He resides upon the homestead in Ashburnham.

(45) WALTER COREY removed to Portland, Me., in 1836 and has been actively and successfully engaged in the manu-

facture and sale of furniture. A few years ago he retired from a business in which he had enjoyed an unblemished reputation. He md. July 7, 1846, Hester Ann Cole of Lewiston, Me. They have two children.

- 67 i. *Walter L.*, b. Nov. 9, 1848.
- 68 ii. *Mabel A.*, b. Jan. 5, 1858.

1 **JOHN F. CORNU**, son of Peter Cornu, b. in Switzerland 1824, taught school several years in his native land and emigrated to Canada, where he md. 1856, Justina Tindo who d. 1863. He came to Ashburnham 1876 and resides a farmer on the Charles Stimson place on the North Turnpike.

- 2 i. *Ida*, b. 1860; md. Zachariah Lambert of Fall River.
- 3 ii. *Noah*, b. 1861; unmd., resides in Kansas.
- 4 iii. *Philemon*, b. 1863; unmd., resides with his father.

1 **MICHAEL COUGHLIN**, b. in County of Cork, Ireland, Oct. 12, 1810, md. in Ireland May 1, 1841, Mary Barnett. He has resided in this town about thirty years, occupying as a farmer the Foster place, often called the John Woods farm.

- 2 i. *Patrick*, b. March 17, 1841; a mechanic in this town; unmd.
- 3 ii. *Bridget*, b. Aug. 5, 1843; md. 1859, John O'Brien; resides in Fitchburg.
- 4 iii. *Michael, Jr.*, b. 1849; md. Mary Mead. He is a wheelwright.

1 **TIMOTHY CREHORE** was the first of this family who became a permanent resident of Ashburnham. He was a son of Jedediah and Chloe Crehore and was b. in Milton Aug. 21, 1754. He is not mentioned in the Milton records and it is probable he came here about the time he arrived of age. He was here in 1785 when he was chosen highway surveyor. He settled in the southwest part of the town, where he d., and where his son Col. Timothy subsequently resided. This farm was a part of the land which had been in possession of the Crehore family since the early charter of the township. The name of his first wife and the mother of his children was Mary, but no record of the marriage has been found. She d. Oct. 9, 1805, aged 45 years. He md. (2d) 1812, Mrs. Hannah Mason of Walpole, N. H. He d. Nov. 1, 1843.

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| 2 | I. <i>Jedediah</i> , b. Oct. 15, 1781. |
| 3 | II. <i>Timothy</i> , b. March 12, 1784.† |
| 4 | III. <i>Mury</i> , b. Nov. 4, 1786; md. Jan. 3, 1815, Asa
Carpenter of Walpole, N. H. |
| 5 | IV. <i>John</i> , b. Aug. 14. 1789; d. June 29, 1824. |
| 6 | V. <i>Laban Sprague</i> , b. Nov. 28, 1794. |
| 7 | VI. <i>Infant</i> , b. and d. 1797. |
| 8 | VII. <i>Infant</i> , d. 1805. |
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- (3) COL. TIMOTHY CREHORE resided on the home place and subsequently in the Central Village. In 1852 he removed to Fitchburg. He was an active citizen and was prominent in military affairs. *Vide* Chap. XVIII. He md. Sept. 20, 1807, Sally W. Fairbanks, who d. Jan. 8, 1864; he d. Jan. 5, 1866.
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| 9 | I. <i>Warren A.</i> , b. May 2, 1808; md. March 17, 1831, Sarah E. Bemis of Winchendon; resided in this town and in Fitchburg. |
| 10 | II. <i>Sally E.</i> , b. Feb., 1810; md. Europe H. Fairbanks, q. v. |
| 11 | III. <i>Horace C.</i> , b. Nov. 25, 1811; md. June 12, 1844, Mary Ann Bowker. He was a merchant in Ashburnham and subsequently in Fitchburg. He d. in New York Jan. 26, 1881. |
| 12 | IV. <i>Lewis H.</i> , b. Jan. 25, 1817; d. near Island of Ascension and was buried at sea April 17, 1840. |
| 13 | V. <i>Austin S.</i> , b. Feb. 6, 1824; d. from a fall from a bridge at Dutch Flat, Col., March 19, 1870. |
| 14 | VI. <i>Mary A.</i> , b. June 11, 1826; md. April 6, 1847, Howard Marble, son of Samuel Marble, q. v. |
| 15 | VII. <i>Infant</i> , d. Sept. 22, 1830. |

CROSBY.

FITCH and FREDERICK CROSBY, who are named in the following register, were valued citizens of Ashburnham. They were distant relatives and of the sixth generation of their family in America.

Simon Crosby aged 26, wife Anne aged 25 and son Thomas aged 8 weeks embarked for New England April 18, 1634. He settled in Cambridge and was a selectman 1636 and 1638. He d. 1639 and his widow md. (2d) Rev. William Tompson of Braintree. Simon Crosby, second son of Simon the emigrant, was b. in Cambridge Aug., 1637. He became a large landholder and was a leading citizen. He was the first innholder in that town and a representative several years. He md. July 15, 1659, Rachel Brackett, dau. of Richard Brackett of Braintree. He d. Jan. 22, 1725-6. Among his nine children were Simon and Josiah and Joseph whose descendants have resided in this town. Josiah, son of Simon and Rachel (Brackett) Crosby, was b. Nov. 11, 1677; md. Nov. 2, 1703, Mary Manning, dau. of Samuel and Elizabeth (Stearns) Manning. He resided in Billerica, where he d. about 1745. His son Josiah, b. Aug. 5, 1704, md. Feb. 3, 1729-30, Elizabeth

French, dau. of William and Sarah (Danforth) French. She d. Nov. 27, 1739, and he d. previous to 1743. Hazen's History of Billerica credits a tradition that he was killed by the Indians. Josiah Crosby, eldest son of Josiah and Elizabeth (French) Crosby, was b. Nov. 24, 1730. He was a soldier in the French and Indian War. Subsequently he settled in Monson, now Milford, N. H. He was a Captain in Col. James Reed's regiment which served in the siege of Boston and participated in the battle of Bunker Hill. In this engagement his company contained 44 men. He was a millwright, a man of great energy and enterprise and a prominent and influential citizen. He md. Aug. 23, 1750, Rachel Fitch, dau. of Joseph and Rachel Fitch of Billerica. She was a niece of John Fitch in whose honor the city of Fitchburg was named, and who while residing near the borders of this town was taken captive by the Indians July 5, 1748. He d. Oct. 5, 1793. Fitch Crosby, the youngest of ten children, removed to this town, and is number 1 in the following register. Among the numerous descendants of Capt. Josiah and Rachel (Fitch) Crosby are many eminent men whose lives have adorned the professions and the halls of learning.

Another son of Simon and Rachel (Brackett) Crosby was Simon Crosby, b. in Billerica 1663. His wife Hannah d. May 6, 1702, and he md. (2d) March 16, 1702-3, Abigail (Whittaker) Parker, widow of John Parker and dau. of John Whittaker. Among his thirteen children was Samuel Crosby, by first wife, b. Oct. 4, 1698. Previous to 1723 he removed from Billerica to Shrewsbury and was one of the original members of the church in Shrewsbury of which Rev. Job Cushing, father of Rev. John Cushing, was the first minister. He md. Dec. 9, 1729, Dorothy Brown, dau. of George and Sarah (Kidder) Brown of Billerica. He d. in Shrewsbury Jan. 23, 1748-9. His son, Elisha Crosby, was b. Jan. 10, 1737-8. He md. Tabitha Harrington of Worcester. He resided a few years in Petersham and subsequently returned to Shrewsbury, where he and his wife d. of small-pox 1792. Their eldest son was Frederick Crosby of Ashburnham. He is number 14 in the register.

Mary Crosby, wife of Isaac Stearns, was a descendant of Joseph Crosby, son of Simon and Rachel (Brackett) Crosby, who was b. in Billerica July 5, 1669. He md. May 6, 1691, Sarah French, dau. of William and Mary (Lathrop) French. Their son, William Crosby, b. Feb. 13, 1697-8, md. Hannah Ross, dau. of Thomas Ross. He d. Jan. 1, 1754. His son, Jessaniah, b. Oct. 7, 1728, md. Dec. 19, 1751, Mary Hosley, dau. of Thomas and Martha (Richardson) Hosley. He resided in Billerica, where his dau. Mary, the wife of Isaac Stearns, was b. May 16, 1754, and youngest dau. Sarah, wife of Phineas Randall, was b. Dec. 25, 1763.

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| 1 | FITCH CROSBY, son of Capt. Josiah and Sarah (Fitch) Crosby, was b. in Milford, N. H., July 14, 1773. He md. March 1, 1798, Rebecca Davis, dau. of Josiah and Abigail (Hubbard) Davis of New Ipswich, and removed to Ashburnham in the year 1801. He was a clothier and owned and occupied the mill in the Central Village in which Horace Black subsequently manufactured furniture and which was destroyed by the freshet in 1850. A man of even temper and unblemished character, he was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He d. March 17, 1852. His wife, a most estimable woman, survived him and d. in this town May 20, 1857. |
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2	1. <i>Charles Fitch</i> , b. July 8, 1799. +
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3	II. <i>Jonas Hale</i> , b. Jan. 7, 1804; d. Oct. 10, 1809.
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- 4 III. *Josiah Davis*, b. March 1, 1807. +
 5 IV. *Hale Estabrook*, b. Oct. 15, 1816. +
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- (2) CHARLES FITCH CROSBY md. May 3, 1821, Susan Wilker, dau. of George Wilker, *q. v.* He was a wool-carder in Ashby, where he d. 1880. She d. May 25, 1879.
- 6 I. *George F.*, d. young.
 7 II. *Sarah Rebecca*, d. unmd. 1875.
 8 III. *George Fitch*, md. Catherine Willard, dau. of George A. Willard, *q. v.* They live in Fitchburg.
 9 IV. *Mary Ann*, md. William H. Jewett; reside in Fitchburg.
 10 V. *Susan Amanda*, md. — Fitzgibbon; she resides, a widow, in Charlestown.
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- (4) REV. JOSIAH DAVIS CROSBY, a Congregational clergyman, now retired from active labor, is residing in Ashburnham. An outline of his education and ministerial labor is given in Chap. VIII. For many years he has been a student of the annals of this town and has prepared many historical papers concerning men and prominent events in the town's history. Mr. Crosby has ever been a consistent and earnest supporter of the reforms of his time. He md. April 16, 1839, Elvira Willard, dau. of Ephraim and Lucy Willard of Athol. She d. April 1, 1882. No children.
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- (5) HALE ESTABROOK CROSBY attended the public schools of this town and Appleton Academy, New Ipswich. In boyhood he became a printer and was employed as a compositor in Lowell and Andover and in Concord, N. H. While at work at Concord he was also a student at the Concord Literary Institute. In this institution Gen. Harrison C. Hobart and Vice-President Wilson were his classmates. He was successively a printer in Concord and a merchant in Ashby, in Fisherville, N. H., and in New Buffalo, Mich., until 1845. Since the last date he has been a farmer and resides at Three Oaks, Mich. He has been a member of the Legislature, and has held many local offices. He md. Nov. 3, 1838, Mary F. Chamberlain, dau. of Moses and Mary (Foster) Chamberlain of Concord, N. H. Of their six children three d. in infancy.

- 11 I. *Josiah Birney*, b. June 2, 1842; md. Sept. 2, 1869, Cornelia F., dau. of Samuel and Susan A. Hammond. A farmer at New Buffalo.

- 12 II. *Henry Chamberlain*, b. Nov. 22, 1852; md. June 18, 1884, *Stella V. Greenamyer*, dau. of *Solomon Greenamyer*. A farmer at New Buffalo.
 - 13 III. *John Abbott*, b. Dec. 10, 1854; md. June 25, 1884, *Adelaide R. Upton*, dau. of *John B. Upton*. He is a physician in Minneapolis, Minn. A graduate of Harvard Medical School.
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- 14 **FREDERICK CROSBY**, son of *Elisha* and *Tabitha* (*Harrington*) *Crosby*, was b. in *Shrewsbury* April 8, 1764. He md. March 31, 1785, *Martha Maynard*, dau. of *Capt. John* and *Martha* (*Brigham*) *Maynard* of *Shrewsbury*. In 1790 he removed to *Winchendon* and in 1796 to *Ashburnham*, where he d. March 21, 1840. His wife survived him and d. April 19, 1851. When Mr. *Crosby* came to this town he bought 250 acres of land which has since been owned by *George L. Beals* and *Burrage Brothers*. The old homestead is still known as the *Frederick Crosby Place*. The aged recall Mr. *Crosby* with sentiments of respect and represent him as a man above reproach. In this family there were fourteen children.
 - 15 I. *Henry*, b. in *Shrewsbury* July 18, 1785. *Vide Chap. XX.*
 - 16 II. *John*, b. Oct. 21, 1787; md. *Betsey Brooks*, dau. of *Levi* and *Betsey* (*Flint*) *Brooks* of *Winchendon*. Removed to *Winchendon* and from thence to *Gardner*.
 - 17 III. *Elisha*, b. in *Winchendon* April 18, 1790; md. Oct. 22, 1841, *Elizabeth Barnes*, b. Dec. 17, 1788, dau. of *William* and *Elizabeth* (*Brigham*) *Barnes* of *Marlboro'*. She d. Aug. 29, 1845. He md. (2d) June 13, 1849, *Dolly Wright*, b. Oct. 6, 1798, dau. of *Elijah* and *Lavina* (*Lawrence*) *Wright* of *Ashby*. At this date he removed to *Ashby*, where he d. April 2, 1878. He never did any harm, and was constitutionally too indolent to do much good. "Persevere Mr. *Crosby*" was the frequent admonition of his wife who survived him and d. March 31, 1884.
 - 18 IV. *Betsey*, b. March 2, 1792; md. July 29, 1816, *William Rugg* of *Leominster*.
 - 19 V. *Walter*, b. Sept. 29, 1794; md. *Sally Wheeler*; d. in *Marlboro* 1839.
 - 20 VI. *Patty*, b. in *Ashburnham* Aug. 8, 1796.
 - 21 VII. *Harriet*, b. June 21, 1799; md. — *Lovewell*; d. in *Marlboro*.
 - 22 VIII. *Hepsibeth*, b. April 13, 1801; d. Dec. 28, 1819.

- 23 ix. *Mary*, b. March 28, 1803; md. Joseph Maynard.
 24 x. *Josiah*, b. April 6, 1805; md. March 21, 1834,
 Lydia Everbeck of Boston; she d. June 8,
 1841; md. (2d) Dec. 7, 1842, Alice Ross. He
 resides in Arlington.
 25 xi. *Almira*, b. May 1, 1807; md. Asa Merriam, *q. v.*
 26 xii. *Caroline*, b. Dec. 3, 1809; md. John Barrell, *q. v.*
 27 xiii. *Lucy*, b. Oct. 3, 1812; md. March 29, 1836, Free-
 man Howe, son of Jonah and Catherine (Howe)
 Howe of Marlboro', where she d. Aug., 1885.

- 1 ABRAHAM CUMMINGS removed from Attleborough to this
 town about 1787. He was a farmer and a blameless citi-
 zen. He md. previous to his arrival in this town Mary
 Bourne. Two children, not named below, d. in childhood.
- 2 i. *Abraham*, b. July 30, 1787; d. June 17, 1809.
 3 ii. *Calvin*, b. Oct. 10, 1792. He was a Methodist
 minister and removed from this town about
 1825. He md. Jan. 7, 1817, Matilda Wilcott.
Vide Chap. XX.
 4 iii. *Maria*, b. Oct. 5, 1794; md. Nov. 10, 1828, Sam-
 uel Cook. Resided in Franklin.
 5 iv. *Ariel*, b. Dec. 30, 1796.†
 6 v. *Adin*, b. Dec. 4, 1798. He resided in Rindge
 until 1855 when he removed to Jaffrey, N. H.,
 where he d. He md. 1820, Sarah (Wetherbee)
 Breed, widow of Enoch Breed of Rindge. She
 d. June 29, 1840; md. (2d) 1841, Cynthia
 Brigham of Waltham.
- 7 1. Adin Milton, b. July 20, 1821; md. Dec.
 5, 1843, Elizabeth M. Peaslee. Resides
 in Sutton, N. H.
 8 2. John Calvin, b. Feb. 27, 1843; d. 1864.
- 9 vi. *Irsers*, b. June 22, 1800; removed to New York.
 10 vii. *Andrew*, b. May 11, 1802; md. Almira Fuller of
 Northbridge; removed to Wenhall, Vt.
 11 viii. *Sally*, b. Feb. 29, 1806; md. — Rawson; d. in
 Wenhall, Vt.
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- (5) ARIEL CUMMINGS md. Feb. 28, 1822, Malison Currier,
 dau. of John and Susan (Orcut) Currier of Acworth, N.
 H., and granddau. of David and Martha (Ladd) Currier
 of Windham, N. H. He was a respectable citizen and a
 farmer, occupying the farm now of M. T. Russell in the
 north part of the town. He d. Aug. 28, 1872; she d.
 Oct. 7, 1874.

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| 12 | i. <i>Ariel Ivers</i> , b. June 11, 1823. He was a physician. <i>Vide</i> Chap. XX. He md. June 9, 1844 Mary C. Grant of Greenfield, N. H. He d. Sept. 9, 1863. They had one child, Helen, who was murdered at four years of age by an insane man in the presence of her mother. |
| 13 | ii. <i>John Lauren</i> , b. Aug. 25, 1824.† |
| 14 | iii. <i>Lorinda</i> , b. May 27, 1826; resides unmd. in Ashburnham. |
| 15 | iv. <i>Viola M.</i> , b. Aug. 25, 1839; d. Feb. 3, 1845. |
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- (13) JOHN L. CUMMINGS, Esq., md. Jan. 4, 1875, Ellen J. Adams of Nashua, N. H. He has been a Justice of the Peace many years and has frequently served on the board of Selectman, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor. From 1875 to 1879 he was one of the Trustees of Westboro' Reform School. He resides in the Centre Village. No children.
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| 16 | HEZEKIAH CUMMINGS, b. in Peacham, Vt., 1817, md. Sept. 9, 1842, Maria H. Burr, b. Nov. 14, 1814, dau. of Seymour and Hannah (Roberts) Burr of Grantham, N. H. They resided in Barnet and Lunenburg, Vt., for several years and removed to this town. |
| 17 | i. <i>Hattie Maria</i> , b. Oct. 7, 1843; md. 1862, William H. Wright; reside in Belmont, N. H. |
| 18 | ii. <i>Albert Edwin</i> , b. Oct. 15, 1847; md. 1867, Emma J. Willoughby; reside in Lawrence. |
| 19 | iii. <i>Lucia Ella</i> , b. June 5, 1851; md. 1880, Charles S. Hart; reside in Boston. |
| 20 | iv. <i>George Seymour</i> , b. Dec. 12, 1854; is a physician in Manchester, N. H. |
| 21 | v. <i>Milo Burr</i> , b. Dec. 28, 1856; md. 1881, Hannah L. Moore. He is a teacher of music; resides in Leominster. |

CUSHING.

The emigrant ancestor of all the families bearing the name of Cushing who have resided in Ashburnham was Matthew Cushing, a son of Peter and Susan (Hawes) Cushing. He was b. in Hingham, England, 1589. He md. Aug. 5, 1613, Nazereth Pitcher, dau. of Henry Pitcher. Matthew and Nazereth Cushing with five children, aged from eleven to nineteen years, embarked in the ship *Diligent*, John Martin, master, and arrived in Boston Aug. 10, 1638. There were one hundred and thirty-three passengers on the *Diligent*, many of whom immediately commenced the settlement of Hingham in New England. Matthew Cushing was a deacon of the church of which Rev. Peter Hobart was the pastor. He d. Sept. 30, 1660. Daniel Cushing, eldest son of Matthew and Nazereth Cushing, was b. 1619, and, consequently, was nineteen years of age when he emigrated to New England. He md. June 19,

1645, Lydia Gilman, dau. of Edward Gilman; she d. March 12, 1689. He md. (2d) March 23, 1691, Elizabeth (Jacob) Thaxter, widow of John Thaxter and dau. of Nicholas Jacob; she d. Nov. 24, 1725. He d. Dec. 3, 1699. He was admitted freeman 1671, was a magistrate and for many years the town clerk of Hingham. He was representative 1681, 1682 and 1695. Of his six children the youngest was Matthew, b. July 15, 1660. He md. Dec. 31, 1684, Jael Jacob, dau. of Col. John Jacob of Hingham. She d. Dec. 23, 1708, and he d. June 23, 1715. The fifth of their ten children was Rev. Job Cushing who was b. July 19, 1694. He graduated at Harvard University 1714 and was ordained the first minister in Shrewsbury Dec. 4, 1723. He md. March 16, 1727, Mary Prentice, dau. of Rev. John and Mary Prentice of Lancaster, and continued in the ministry at Shrewsbury until his death Aug. 6, 1760. His widow d. May 27, 1798. The seventh of their eight children was Rev. John Cushing, D. D., of Ashburnham.

Capt. David Cushing, who is number 17 in the following register, was a descendant of Theophilus Cushing, another son of Daniel and Lydia (Gilman) Cushing who was b. June 17, 1657; md. Dec. 7, 1689, Mary Thaxter, dau. of John Thaxter and d. Jan. 7, 1717. She d. 1737. Of their nine children the fifth was Capt. Abel Cushing, b. Oct. 24, 1696. He md. Nov. 24, 1720, Mary Jacob and d. May 20, 1750. His third son was Col. David, b. Sept. 7, 1727; md. April 9, 1752, Ruth Lincoln who d. July 6, 1761. He md. (2d) Mabel — who d. Aug. 14, 1798. He d. Feb. 15, 1800. Capt. David of Ashburnham was a son of the first wife and George Russell Cushing, Esq., number 63 in the following register, was a son of the second wife.

The third lineage of the Cushing family in this town are descendants of John Cushing, who was the youngest son of Matthew Cushing the emigrant ancestor. He was b. in Hingham, England, 1627; md. Jan. 20, 1658, Sarah Hawke, dau. of Matthew Hawke. In 1662 he removed to Scituate. He was a prominent citizen and frequently employed in public affairs. He was selectman and a member of the General Court many years. He d. March 31, 1708; his wife d. 1678. Their fourth child was Jeremiah Cushing, b. July 13, 1666. He md. April 12, 1693, Judith Parmenter and resided in Scituate, where he d. May 30, 1710. Ebenezer Cushing, third son of Jeremiah and Judith (Parmenter) Cushing, was b. May 25, 1704; md. Oct. 19, 1732, Elizabeth Daniels. He removed from Scituate to Boston, where he d. 1792. Their fourth child was Benjamin Cushing, b. July 16, 1739; md. Oct. 13, 1761, Susannah Salter; md. (2d) July 26, 1770, Mary Colesworthy. The seventh child of Benjamin and Mary (Colesworthy) Cushing was Stephen Cushing who is number 71 in the register.

It will be observed that Rev. John Cushing was of the fifth generation of this lineage, that Capt. David and George Russell Cushing, Esq., and Stephen Cushing, Esq., were of the sixth generation.

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- 1 REV. JOHN CUSHING, D. D., youngest son of Rev. Job and Mary (Prentice) Cushing, was b. in Shrewsbury Aug. 22, 1744. Graduated at Harvard University 1764, ordained at Ashburnham Nov. 2, 1768, and d. in the fifty-fifth year of his ministry April 27, 1823. For some account of an able and faithful minister *vide* Chap. VIII. He md. Sept. 28, 1769, Sarah Parkman, dau. of Rev. Ebenezer and Hannah (Breck) Parkman of Westboro' and granddaughter of Rev. Robert Breck of Marlboro'. She was a woman of dignified manner, of superior mental ability and most estimable character. She d. March 12, 1825, aged 82 years. They had eight children.

- 2 i. *John*, b. Aug. 17, 1771; md. April 5, 1795, Julia Keith of Bridgewater. He was a merchant in Boston, where he d. May 17, 1806.
 - 3 1. Julia Ann, b. 1796; md. 1817, Benjamin F. Farnsworth. She d., leaving one son, 1819.
 - 4 2. Mary K., b. 1798; md. Moses Sawyer; d. 1828. She left two children.
 - 5 ii. *George Augustus*, b. June 24, 1773; md. Hannah B. Keith, a sister of the wife of his brother John. He d. Aug. 8, 1810.
 - 6 1. George A., b. 1802; d. March 28, 1823.
 - 7 iii. *Henry*, b. Nov. 4, 1774; d. unmd. April 17, 1839.
 - 8 iv. *Sarah*, b. Feb. 23, 1777; md. Nov. 11, 1802, Dea. Heman Lincoln, son of Heman and Elizabeth Lincoln of Hingham. In 1801 the parents of Dea. Lincoln removed from Hingham to the north part of Westminster and became members of the church in this town. Dea. Lincoln resided here a few years and removed to Boston. He was one of the trustees of the will of Thomas Parkman Cushing.
 - 9 v. *Doldridge*, b. Oct. 27, 1779; d. unmd. in Ashburnham Jan. 12, 1866.
 - 10 vi. *Mary*, b. April 27, 1782; md. Elisha Coolidge, *q. v.*
 - 11 vii. *Cyrus*, b. Feb. 17, 1784; d. Feb. 6, 1795.
 - 12 viii. *Thomas Parkman*, b. Oct. 7, 1787.†
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- (12) THOMAS PARKMAN CUSHING. *Vide* Chap. XX. He md. Nov. 4, 1824, Sarah Barker Sigourney; md. (2d) 1831, Mrs. Martha Ann Sigourney; md. (3d) May 18, 1843, Sarah Thompson Wayland. He d. Nov. 23, 1854.
- 13 i. *Sarah E. S.*, b. Feb. 26, 1832; md. May 17, 1854, Edward Tuckerman, LL. D. Since 1858 he was Professor of Botany, Amherst College, until his death March 15, 1886.
 - 14 ii. *Anna Louisa*, b. April 26, 1834.
 - 15 iii. *John Cargill*, b. Feb. 17, 1836; d. Aug. 21, 1836.
 - 16 iv. *Martha*, b. Nov. 14, 1837; md. July 18, 1867, William C. Esty, son of Rev. Isaac and Anna G. (Cole) Esty. He is professor of Mathematics and Astronomy, Amherst College.
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- 17 CAPT. DAVID CUSHING, son of Col. David and Ruth (Lincoln) Cushing, was b. in Hingham July 2, 1754.

He md. Oct. 17, 1779, Hannah Cushing, dau. of Joseph and Sarah (Leavitt) Cushing, granddau. of Solomon and Sarah (Loring) Cushing, and great-granddau. of Matthew and Jael Cushing. She was a sister of the second wife of Col. Francis Lane and was b. in Hingham April 26, 1760. Capt. Cushing removed to this town 1798. He was an innholder, a tanner and a farmer. He resided where Nahum Wood now lives. Tradition and the records are united in the assertion that Capt. Cushing was a man of good ability and a respected citizen. He d. May 3, 1827. She d. March 13, 1823. Seven children were b. in Hingham and one, the youngest, in Ashburnham.

- 18 i. *Joseph*, b. Jan. 23, 1781. +
- 19 ii. *Hannah*, b. June 9, 1783; md. Silas Whitney, *q. v.*
- 20 iii. *David*, b. Nov. 7, 1785. He md. April 17, 1807, Polly Adams, dau. of John Adams, *q. v.*, and resided in Walpole, N. H. Three children. She d. Aug. 15, 1854. He d. 1827.
- 21 iv. *Susannah*, b. Nov. 7, 1785; md. Oct. 8, 1811, Joseph Jewett, Jr., *q. v.*
- 22 v. *Laban*, b. April 29, 1791. +
- 23 vi. *Deborah*, b. Sept. 6, 1793; md. Josiah Fletcher, Jr., *q. v.*
- 24 vii. *Moses*, b. March 20, 1796. Resided in Catharine, Schuyler Co., New York; the town is now called Havana. He md. Dec. 25, 1818, Gert-rude, dau. of Peter Polley, *q. v.* He d. Dec. 29, 1883. She d. Feb. 26, 1867. They had five children.
- 25 1. Susan, b. Sept. 20, 1820; d. March 20, 1841.
- 26 2. Betsey, b. Aug. 31, 1823; md. Joseph Cushing, *q. v.*
- 27 3. Herman, b. Feb. 9, 1826; resides at Havana.
- 28 4. Mary, b. April 12, 1830; d. June 19, 1859.
- 29 5. Joseph, b. Oct. 31, 1838; d. June 30, 1858.
- 30 viii. *Sarah Leavitt*, b. Dec. 7, 1798; md. Ephraim May Cunningham, a lawyer, who removed from this town to Reading a few years after his marriage. She d. about 1830.

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- (18) JOSEPH CUSHING, son of Capt. David Cushing, removed from Ashburnham to Amherst, N. H., where he established the *Farmers' Cabinet*. The first number was issued Nov. 11, 1802, and the paper has been continued to the present

time. With Mr. Cushing and in this office Hon. Isaac Hill learned the art of printing. In 1809 Mr. Cushing removed to Baltimore, Md., where for many years he was a well-known publisher and bookseller. He was a member of the city government and of the State Legislature and for twenty-five years he was president of "The Savings Bank of Baltimore." He md. 1805, Rebecca Edmands and d. 1852.

- 31 i. *Joseph*, b. 1806; md. 1832, Ann Mackenzie. Four children.
- 32 ii. *John*, b. Aug. 29, 1808; md. Frances Cromwell, who d. March 13, 1865. Eight children.
- 33 iii. *David*, b. 1811; md. 1834, Catharine Jane McClennan. He d. Aug. 26, 1875. Eight children.
- 34 iv. *Rebecca*, md. Hon. J. Wiley Edmands, son of Thomas and grandson of Thomas and Elizabeth (Wiley) Edmands. They reside in Newton.
- 35 v. *Mary*, md. Erastus Edgerton.
- 36 vi. *Sarah*, md. William H. Calwell of Baltimore.
- 37 vii. *Elizabeth*, md. W. F. Sloan of Baltimore.

(22) LABAN CUSHING, son of Capt. David, was in the war of 1812. In 1817 he removed to Brooklyn, Penn., and returned to Ashburnham in 1830. He md. April 23, 1811, Nancy Whitney, dau. of Silas Whitney, *q. v.* He d. in this town Oct. 17, 1847; she d. in Fitchburg Jan. 27, 1871. They had twelve children.

- 38 i. *Nancy Whitney*, b. June 20, 1813; md. John Munroe, *q. v.*
- 39 ii. *Sarah*, b. May 18, 1815; md. Samuel Ellis, *q. v.*
- 40 iii. *Joseph*, b. Oct. 6, 1817. +
- 41 iv. *Laban*, b. March 22, 1820. Resides in Fitchburg; md. May 31, 1847, Adaline Keyes, dau. of Silas and Julia (Brooks) Keyes of Princeton. Three children.
- 42 1. Addie Aurretta, b. Dec. 5, 1848; md. July 22, 1874, Herbert N. Rugg, son of Capt. William S. and Clarissa (Sawtelle) Rugg of Rindge. He is a wholesale and retail confectioner in Fitchburg.
- 43 2. Eva Josephine, b. Oct. 1, 1852; md. May 24, 1881, Granville Nutting of Waltham.
- 44 3. Emma Julia, b. Sept. 10, 1855; md. Jan. 27, 1881, Robert M. Jones, son of Henry E. and Lydia H. Jones.

- 45 v. *Rebecca A.*, b. Sept. 12, 1822; md. Isaac D.
Ward, *q. v.*
- 46 vi. *Susan A.*, b. Nov. 13, 1824; md. Jonas Corey,
q. v.
- 47 vii. *Mary Jane*, b. Feb. 27, 1826; md. May 21, 1844,
Gardner P. Hawkins of Fitchburg; she d. Dec.
5, 1874. Four children.
- 48 1. Ellen C., b. March 7, 1847; md. April 7,
1881, William H. McGrath of New York.
- 49 2. Herbert G., b. June 23, 1849; md. Oct.
24, 1876, Hattie R. Wilson; she d. July
3, 1879.
- 50 3. Abbott C., b. Dec. 4, 1855; md. Feb. 6,
1886, Carrie M. Eldridge.
- 51 4. Gertrude, b. Dec. 5, 1858; md. June 12,
1879, Charles F. Wilson of Fitchburg.
- 52 viii. *Charles G.*, b. Feb. 16, 1829; md. Oct. 23, 1856,
Jane E. Willard, dau. of John Willard, *q. v.*
They subsequently removed to Fitchburg and
now reside in Lunenburg.
- 53 1. Martha W., b. Oct. 13, 1862; d. Jan. 22,
1863.
- 54 2. John W., b. April 12, 1864; d. Aug. 1,
1864.
- 55 3. Charles W., b. Sept. 4, 1866.
- 56 ix. *Harriet Maria*, b. Aug. 22, 1831; md. Porter E.
Barton.
- 57 x. *George Russell*, b. Sept. 8, 1835; md. Julia
Thompson.
- 58 xi. *David M.*, b. Oct. 11, 1839; md. Oct. 6, 1860,
Ellen A. Foster.
- 59 xii. *Hannah Elizabeth*, b. July 29, 1841; md. Dec.
14, 1859, George S. Doe of Great Falls, N. H.

(40) JOSEPH CUSHING has been a resident of Fitchburg about forty years. Early in life he began business on a moderate scale and without capital. The most available means which sustained his early ventures was a cheerful temperament and unflinching courage. After a reasonable measure of success in the livery business, he engaged in company with David F. McIntire in the lumber trade in which he continued until 1858. Mr. Cushing at this time opened a flour and grain store under the American House and here he industriously laid the foundations of an extensive trade which he has successfully conducted to



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the present time. About twenty years ago he purchased the "Stone Mill" and from time to time he has enlarged the business to a present volume of three-fourths of a million dollars annually. His shipments of corn and other supplies of grain and of flour from the West are sold in Fitchburg and at branch stores in Waltham. Winchendon, Keene and Bellows Falls. The first freight through Hoosac Tunnel was a train of twenty-two cars laden with grain and consigned to Mr. Cushing.

In his intercourse with his fellow-men he is frank and cordial, and in his sympathies and tastes he is one of the people. He md. July 22, 1841, Elmira Marble, dau. of Stephen Marble, *q. v.*; she d. 1845; md. (2d) Feb. 31, 1847, Mary Ann Arnold who d. Aug. 23, 1866; md. (3d) 1868, Betsey Cushing, dau. of Moses Cushing, *q. v.*; she d. Sept. 23, 1875.

60 1. *Milton M.*, b. Sept. 4, 1844; md. June 12, 1867, Ellen M. Leland. He d. in Fitchburg May 9, 1879.

61 II. *Joseph.*

62 III. *Susan*, md. C. P. Dickinson of Fitchburg.

63 GEORGE RUSSELL CUSHING, Esq., son of Col. David and Mabel Cushing, and a half brother of Capt. David Cushing, was b. in Hingham April 24, 1768. He removed to Ashburnham in 1800. In early life he was a sea-faring man and had commanded several vessels in the European and West India trade. He was a man of good judgment and maintained a prominent position in public affairs. He md. Aug. 13, 1801, Catharine Willard, dau. of Jacob Willard, *q. v.* She d. April 28, 1825. He md. (2d) March 22, 1826, Hannah Russell Hill, dau. of Isaac Hill, *q. v.* He d. Feb. 2, 1851.

64 1. *George Willard*, b. Oct. 21, 1811; md. Julia Anna Gibson, dau. of Samuel Gibson of Ashby. He d. Nov. 5, 1856; she d. Oct. 1, 1880.

65 1. *Pyam Burr*, b. Dec. 19, 1842; d. 1843.

66 2. *Sewell Gibson* (twin), b. Dec. 19, 1842; d. 1843.

67 3. *Catherine*, md. — Brown.

68 II. *Charles Allensby*, b. May 31, 1816; md. Nov. 5, 1837, Mary Bathsheba Dakin. Removed to New Hampshire.

69 1. *George G.*, b. Sept. 10, 1838.

70 2. *Charles R.*, b. Oct. 27, 1840.

71 | **STEPHEN CUSHING**, son of Benjamin and Mary (Colesworthy) Cushing, was b. in Boston June 21, 1784. He md. May 13, 1812, Eliza Goodale, b. in Boston Dec. 11, 1790. For several years he was a mast-maker and was engaged in this business in company with an older brother. In 1818 the brother retired and the business was successfully continued by Mr. Cushing until 1830 when he removed to this town. He was upright and conscientious in all his business and social relations and as a citizen the influence of his exalted character was firm and salutary. He was distinguished for integrity, and through a long and useful life the purity of his motives and an unflinching kindness to his fellow-men were conspicuous. His name is frequently mentioned in the annals of Ashburnham. In 1838 he represented the town in the Legislature. At this time the first petition to the Legislature for a restrictive temperance law originated in this town and to Mr. Cushing fell the honor of presenting it in the House of Representatives. The names of all who voted for the measure, headed by Mr. Cushing, was posted in one of the public inns of Boston as a mark of disapproval of prohibitory legislation. From that time to the present, neither the courage of men like Mr. Cushing nor the spirit of the hotels have suffered any abatement. He d. July 22, 1872. His wife d. Sept. 12, 1854.

72 | i. *Stephen*, b. March 15, 1813. *Vide* Chap. XX. Rev. Stephen Cushing md. April 13, 1834, Levina Glazier Whitney of Westminster. Two children.

73 | 1. Joseph Whitney, b. Jan. 26, 1837; a physician in Boston.

74 | 2. Stephen, b. May 29, 1841; a physician in Boston.

75 | ii. *Eliza*, b. April 18, 1815; md. May 9, 1832, John Whitney of Westminster.

76 | iii. *Benjamin*, b. Feb. 19, 1817; md. May 30, 1838, Belinda Whitney of Westminster. She d. Jan. 5, 1841. He md. (2d) May 18, 1841, Lois S. Holbrook, dau. of Jesse Holbrook, *q. v.* He resides, a farmer, on the old homestead on the east side of the common.

77 | 1. Sarah Page, b. Aug. 24, 1840; resides unmd. in Ashburnham.

78 | 2. Edwin James, b. March 20, 1842; md. Laura E. Bean; resides in Gardner.

79 | 3. Benjamin, b. Feb. 23, 1844.

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| 80 | 4. Linda Whitney, b. Feb. 17, 1846; md. 1870, John J. Greenough of Deerfield. |
| 81 | 5. Joseph G., b. Dec. 26, 1847. |
| 82 | 6. Eliza, b. July 18, 1849. |
| 83 | 7. Anna Elizabeth, b. May 15, 1851; md. Nov. 2, 1883, F. Herbert Andrews of West Deerfield. |
| 84 | 8. Henry E., b. Nov. 30, 1853; a physician in Champion, Ill. <i>Vide</i> Chap. XX. |
| 85 | 9. Frederic, b. Feb. 23, 1857. |
| 86 | 10. Mary Ellen, b. July 28, 1859. |
| 87 | 11. Alfred Holbrook, b. Oct. 10, 1861; md. Hattie M. Reed, dau. of George and Laura (Kelton) Reed. |
| 88 | iv. <i>Sarah Page</i> , b. April 22, 1819; md. June 19, 1851, Joseph B. Jewett. She d. Aug. 21, 1874, and he md. her youngest sister. |
| 89 | v. <i>John Fletcher</i> , b. Sept. 15, 1823; md. May 18, 1853, Lucy Ann Whittemore. He is a chair-maker; resides in Ashburnham. |
| 90 | vi. <i>Ann Bowker</i> , b. April 17, 1826; md. Nov. 17, 1875, Joseph B. Jewett of Ashby. |

CUTLER.

JAMES CUTLER, the emigrant ancestor of one branch of the Cutler families of this country, was b. in England 1606, and probably was md. to his wife Anna before he left England. He was in Watertown in 1635, where he was admitted an inhabitant and a lot of land was assigned him. About 1650 he sold his lands in Watertown and removed to Cambridge Farms, and at a point which is now in Bedford. His wife Anna d. Sept. 30, 1644; he md. (2d) March 9, 1645, Mary King, widow of Thomas King of Watertown. She d. Dec. 7, 1654, and he md. (3d) Phebe Page, dau. of John and Phebe Page. He d. May 17, 1794, aged 88 years. Thomas Cutler, the sixth of the twelve children of the emigrant ancestor and the eldest son of the second wife, was b. about 1648. He was styled a lieutenant and was a constable, assessor and selectman of Lexington. He d. July 13, 1722. By wife Abigail he had seven children, and among them was Jonathan Cutler, b. 1688. He md. Aug. 17, 1710, Abigail Bigelow, b. May 7, 1687, dau. of Samuel and Mary (Flagg) Bigelow of Watertown. He removed to Connecticut, residing in Colchester and Killingly, now Thompson. He md. (2d) Abigail Dewing of Bellingham and it appears that he was a resident of Bellingham a short time, about 1727.

Capt. William Cutler, son of Jonathan, b. March 24, 1726, removed from Killingly to Plainfield, Conn., where he md. Nov. 7, 1750, Susannah Shepherd who d. 1798. He was again md. and d. in 1802. He was a man of enterprise and he acquired a good estate. Jonathan Cutler, son of Capt. William, b. about 1755, md. Keziah Hutchins and settled in Plainfield. He is described as a man of excellent character, of pleasing manners and of fine personal appearance. Of their six children Dr. William H. Cutler of this town was the eldest.

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| 1 | DR. WILLIAM HUTCHINS CUTLER, son of Jonathan and Keziah (Hutchins) Cutler, was b. in Plainfield, Conn., |
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July 27, 1787. For many years he was a resident physician and esteemed citizen of this town. *Vide Chap. XX.* He md. June 16, 1814, Abigail Hale Lowe, dau. of Dr. Abraham Lowe, *q. v.* He d. in Andover, at the home of his daughter, July 16, 1867. Three children were b. in Winchendon; four in New Salem and four in this town.

- 2 I. *William Jonathan*, b. April 19, 1815; he is the senior partner in the well-known firm of Cutler Brothers, importers and wholesale druggists, Boston. He md. April 4, 1843, Lucia C. Washburn of Bridgewater; (2d) March 21, 1855, Cordelia A. Ripley of Brookline; (3d) Feb. 18, 1857, Mrs. Lucy L. Carter of Newtonville.
- 3 II. *Abigail Hale*, b. June 8, 1816; md. Jan. 25, 1836, Dea. Albert Abbott, a prominent and useful citizen of Andover.
- 4 III. *Abraham Lowe*, b. June 3, 1818; he resides in Brookline and is senior member of the firm of A. L. Cutler & Co., wholesale dealers in Paints and Oils, Boston. He md. Oct. 30, 1844, Harriet H. Sewall of Bath, Me.
- 5 IV. *Sarah Lincoln*, b. Nov. 12, 1819; d. Sept. 25, 1839.
- 6 V. *George*, b. April 23, 1821; of the firm of Cutler Brothers; resides in Boston; md. May 23, 1855, Julia S. Hinks; (2d) July 9, 1863, Josephine Hinks of Brewer, Me.
- 7 VI. *Edward*, b. Feb. 9, 1824; d. Jan. 16, 1825.
- 8 VII. *Edward Waldo*, b. June 17, 1826; of the firm of Cutler Brothers; resides in Boston. Md. Sept. 28, 1853, Caroline M. Henderson of Boston.
- 9 VIII. *Charlotte Keziah*, b. Jan. 29, 1831; d. Feb. 2, 1831.
- 10 IX. *Charles*, b. Jan. 29, 1831; d. Feb. 3, 1831.
- 11 X. *Catherine Mary*, b. Jan. 29, 1831; d. Feb. 4, 1831.
The three children were buried Feb. 6.
- 12 XI. *Charles Henry*, b. March 29, 1833; he is of the firm of C. T. Reynolds & Co., Paints and Oils, Chicago, Ill. He md. Oct. 23, 1872, Hannah S. Coffin of Cincinnati, Ohio.

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- 1 NATHANIEL CUTTER removed from Westminster to Ashburnham 1816. He was b. in Westminster June 5, 1789, and was a son of Josiah and Sally (Seaver) Cutter and a grandson of Nathaniel and Submit (Whitcomb) Cutter of Sudbury. He was a farmer in the southeast part of the

town. In 1850 he removed to Fitchburg and subsequently to Worcester. He md. March 23, 1813, Abigail Taylor, dau. of Samuel and Prudence (Winship) Taylor of Westminster. She d. in Fitchburg Aug. 22, 1861. He d. in Worcester Sept. 27, 1880.

- 2 I. *Nathaniel F.*, b. in Westminster, Sept. 26, 1815. +
- 3 II. *Abigail P.*, b. in Ashburnham Sept. 18, 1817; md. Joseph Smith, *q. v.*
- 4 III. *Sarah Arvilla*, b. July 18, 1820; md. Sept. 25, 1843, Charles Leland of Milford. Four children.
- 5 IV. *Louisa M.*, b. April 1, 1824; md. 1847, Warren Ellis of Milford. She d. April 18, 1861. Three children.

(2) NATHANIEL F. CUTTER md. Oct. 14, 1835, Nancy H. Clark, dau. of David and Betsey (Rugg) Clark of Worcester; she d. April 6, 1863; he md. (2d) Sept. 15, 1864, Eliza B. Rugg, dau. of John and Sally (Phelps) Rugg of Worcester. She d. Aug. 17, 1885. He was an officer in the Light Infantry. He resided in this town until 1850, when he removed to Worcester and was there engaged in the manufacture of plows. He had by first wife one son b. in this town.

- 6 I. *Charles Nathaniel*, b. Dec. 21, 1837; md. July 9, 1863, Louisa M. Parker, dau. of Fessenden and Louisa (Hall) Parker of Westmoreland, Vt.; she d. in Worcester Feb. 14, 1864; he md. (2d) Abbie T. Moore, dau. of Wentworth and Abigail M. (Howe) Moore of Worcester.

7 EPHRAIM CUTTER was not a resident of Ashburnham, but after his death his widow and children resided here. He was a son of Ephraim and Deborah (Locke) Cutter and was b. in Charlestown Dec. 2, 1794. He md. Oct. 12, 1817, Sarah A. Russell, dau. of Thomas Russell, *q. v.* He was a grain dealer in West Cambridge where he d. April 4, 1826; his widow md. Joseph Harris, *q. v.*

- 8 I. *Ephraim*, b. Oct. 4, 1818; resides unmd. in this town.
- 9 II. *Sarah Adams*, b. Nov. 12, 1820; md. Nov. 29, 1838, Luther L. Barrell, son of Luther Barrell of Westminster. They removed to St. Louis, Mo., where he d. May 20, 1866. Five of their seven children d. in infancy.
- 10 III. *Clara C.* b. Jan. 12, 1823; md. Feb. 14, 1842,

- William Fillebrown of West Cambridge. He d. May 8, 1883. Six children.
- 11 iv. *Charles Russell*, b. Jan. 27, 1825; md. Dec. 23, 1847, Antoinette Pamela Parker, dau. of Hollis and Pamela A. (Pease) Parker. Resided in Boston. He d. Feb. 12, 1877. Two children.
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- 12 JOSEPH CUTTER, b. in Watertown Sept. 9, 1810, removed to this town 1837. He md. July 1, 1841, Ruth Ann Gilchrist, dau. of John Gilchrist of Lunenburg; she d. Aug. 8, 1845. He md. (2d) Nov. 7, 1848, Martha V. Milliken, dau. of William and Anna (Carlton) Milliken of Sharon, N. H.
- 13 i. *Gertrude Sarah Louisa*, b. Jan. 22, 1844; md. 1862, Frank A. Wood, son of Allen Wood of Westminster.
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- 14 JAMES CUTTER removed from Pelham, N. H., to this town 1860. He is a son of John and Phebe (Rhoades) Cutter of Grafton, Vt., and a grandson of Seth and Abiah (Tallant) Cutter of Pelham, N. H. He was b. in Grafton, Vt., March 28, 1817, and is of the seventh generation of his family in this country. He md. Dec. 28, 1846, Lydia Ann Sweetser of North Yarmouth, Me. Their three children were b. in Pelham, N. H.
- 15 i. *Sophia E.*, b. Nov. 28, 1847; md. July 31, 1866, Sumner H. Upham; resides at South Village.
- 16 ii. *Samuel S.*, b. Oct. 31, 1851; d. Dec. 16, 1851.
- 17 iii. *James S.*, b. May 4, 1853; md. Oct. 14, 1878, Mary Ellen Puffer, dau. of Charles H. Puffer, *q. v.*; resides in this town.
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CUTTING.

SAMUEL CUTTING, the first of the name in Ashburnham, was of the fifth generation of his family in this country. The successive generations appear in Bond's Watertown. Richard Cutting, aged eleven years, embarked at Ipswich, England, for America in April, 1634. With him came William Cutting, perhaps an elder brother. He settled in Watertown and was admitted freeman April 18, 1690. His wife Sarah d. Nov. 4, 1685, aged 60 years. He d. March 21, 1695-6. His son James Cutting, b. Jan. 26, 1647-8, md. June 16, 1669, Hannah Cotler. Their fourth son was Jonathan Cutting, b. Jan. 12, 1687-8. He md. Jan. 5, 1709-10, Sarah Flagg, dau. of Allen and Sarah (Ball) Flagg. He d. May 29, 1754; she d. Sept. 3, 1774. Their eldest son Richard Cutting, b. July 30, 1710, md. April 20, 1738, Thankful Harrington, dau. of George and Abiel (Parker) Harrington. They resided in Waltham, where their eight children were b. and where he d. Sept. 22, 1767. His widow md. (2d) March 15, 1770, Samuel Livermore, Esq. She d. Nov. 4, 1772, aged 55 years.

- 1 SAMUEL CUTTING, son of Richard and Thankful (Harrington) Cutting, was b. in Waltham Oct. 19, 1747. He md. March 9, 1769, Eunice Coolidge, dau. of William and Mary (Mixer) Coolidge. She was a sister of the wife of Col. Francis Lane and a niece of Elisha Coolidge, an early resident of this town. She was b. in Waltham Jan. 12, 1748. They removed to Ashburnham in 1773. The name in this town is generally written Cotting. He was an intelligent, active man, of unblemished character. He d. Dec. 31, 1794. Two children were b. in Waltham and ten in Ashburnham.
 - 2 I. *Anna*, b. 1770; md. Simon Willard, *q. v.*
 - 3 II. *Samuel*, b. April 20, 1772; md. 1803, Hannah Goodridge of Fitchburg. Removed to Rutland, Vt.
 - 4 III. *Hepsibah*, b. Sept. 11, 1773; md. Nathaniel Foster, *q. v.*
 - 5 IV. *William*, b. July 21, 1775; d. April 11, 1776.
 - 6 V. *Betty* (twin), b. July 21, 1775; d. June 4, 1776.
 - 7 VI. *Elizabeth*, bap. March 2, 1777; md. Oct. 18, 1795, Jacob Brooks; d. in Cambridge April 5, 1861; buried in Ashburnham.
 - 8 VII. *Rhoda*, bap. Jan. 17, 1779; d. Nov. 16, 1794.
 - 9 VIII. *Martha*, bap. July 11, 1781; d. 1783.
 - 10 IX. *Mary* (twin), bap. July 11, 1781; d. 1783.
 - 11 X. *Lucy*, b. Nov. 15, 1784; md. Josiah Davis, *q. v.*
 - 12 XI. *John*, b. Dec. 31, 1786. He was blind from youth; resided in this town; d. unmd. Nov. 26, 1866.
 - 13 XII. *Charles*, b. 1791; d. March 3, 1798.
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- 1 ASA DAME, son of Henry and Susan (Frazer) Dame, was b. in Canada July 9, 1846. He came to Ashburnham 1855 and has been an overseer in the cotton mills many years. He md. Dec. 4, 1873, Amelia Lesure, b. Sept. 23, 1850.
 - 2 I. *Maria A.*, b. Jan. 4, 1875.
 - 3 II. *Mary L.*, b. June 21, 1876.
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DANA.

The name of Dana is intimately associated with the early annals of Ashburnham. Caleb Dana, Esq., of Cambridge, was the principal proprietor and his name frequently occurs in the early chapters, but he never resided in this town. He was a son of Daniel and Naomi (Croswell) Dana of Cambridge, b. 1697; md. Phebe Chandler and d. 1772. Richard Dana, who was proprietor's clerk several years, was a brother of Caleb, b. 1700; md. Lydia Trowbridge and d. 1772. He was a distinguished counsellor-at-law. The following members of this family have resided in this town.

1 GEORGE DANA, a son of Caleb and Phebe (Chandler) Dana, was b. in Cambridge 1742. He md. Feb. 14, 1764, Margaret Clark, b. July 7, 1743, dau. of Capt. John and Hannah (Cutting) Clark of Waltham. They resided a short time in Stow, where she d. Oct. 3, 1770. He md. (2d) Elizabeth Park. They removed to this town probably in 1773. He assumed control and subsequently appears as the owner of the lands formerly of his father. He was an innholder and frequently employed in public affairs. He was a sergeant in Capt. Gates' company 1775. Mr. Cushing records his death: "George Dana died of dropsy and consumption of ye liver April 11, 1787." His widow md. (2d) March 21, 1790, Capt. Alexander Parmele and subsequently resided in Woodstock, Vt., where she d. 1811. Capt. Parmele d. a few years previously.

2 I. *George*, b. Nov., 1764; md. Hannah Lathrop and
resided in Sharon, Vt.

3 II. *Polly*, b. 1767; md. Daniel Comstock of Danbury,
Conn.

4 III. *Sarah*, b. 1770; d. young.

5 IV. *Edmund*, b. 1772.

6 V. *Elizabeth*, bap. 1774; d. Feb. 15, 1777.

7 VI. *Sarah Ballard*, bap. 1775; d. Jan. 22, 1777.

8 VII. *Thomas*, bap. 1777.

9 VIII. *John Clark*, bap. 1779.

10 IX. *James*, b. May 29, 1780; md. May 7, 1812,
Hannah Dwight. He was a merchant in Utica,
N. Y.

11 X. *Charles*, b. Nov. 6, 1781; md. Jan. 20, 1808,
Mary Gay Swan. He d. at Woodstock, Vt.

12 XI. *Infant*, d. May 18, 1783.

13 XII. *Infant*, b. 1784; d. Aug. 24, 1786.

14 EZRA DANA resided in this town from about 1790 to 1800. He was a son of William Dana and was b. in Cambridge Sept. 29, 1755. Mr. Dana built the first mill at Burrageville and soon after removed from town and no record of his subsequent career has appeared. I have no information of his family beyond the record of the death of an infant Jan. 10, 1794.

1 CAPT. DELIVERANCE DAVIS, settled in this town as early as 1764. He was a son of Ebenezer and Sarah Davis and was born in Littleton June 30, 1736. Previous to his removal to this town he married Dorothy Wood, b. March 7, 1741, dau. of Bennett and Lydia (Law) Wood of

Littleton, and granddaughter of Jeremiah and Dorothy (Bennett) Wood of Stow, and, subsequently, of Littleton. Capt. Davis was an innholder in this town in 1767 and several later years. He resided on the David Russell place, and later, in the north part of the town, since occupied by his descendants, and for many years he was a prominent man in the affairs of the town. He was captain of one of the companies of minute-men in 1775. *Vide* Chap. V. He d. June 16, 1789. She d. May 10, 1790. The eldest son was b. in Littleton.

- 2 I. *Ebenezer Bennett*, b. Feb. 4, 1761. +
 - 3 II. *Oliver Taylor*, b. Nov. 22, 1762; md. Mary Sawyer and resided in Harvard.. He d. 1841, leaving eight children.
 - 4 III. *Lydia*, b. Jan. 15, 1765; d. unmd. Aug. 10, 1787.
 - 5 IV. *Sarah*, b. Feb. 18, 1767; md. David Clark, Jr., *q. v.*
 - 6 V. *Dolly*, b. May 30, 1769; md. Ephraim Randall, *q. v.*
 - 7 VI. *Lucy*, b. June 3, 1771; md. — Stewart; resided in Grafton, Vt.
 - 8 VII. *Zadoc*, b. Nov. 24, 1773; d. Sept. 4, 1778.
 - 9 VIII. *Susannah*, b. Feb. 11, 1776; md. — Pratt; resided in Grafton, Vt.
 - 10 IX. *Milly*, b. March 8, 1778; md. — Moore: resided in Maine.
 - 11 X. *Zadoc*, b. May 14, 1780; resided in Maine.
 - 12 XI. *Deliverance*, b. Dec. 19, 1783; resided in Maine.
- The brothers Oliver, Zadoc and Deliverance had families, but no records are at hand

- (2) EBENEZER BENNETT DAVIS served three years in the Revolution. *Vide* Chapters V and VI. He was a farmer and lived in the north part of the town, where his son, Dea. John C. Davis, resided. Without ostentation he quietly performed the duties of a good citizen and was respected by all who knew him. He md. Jan. 12, 1786, Mary Townsend, dau. of Joshua Townsend, *q. v.* She d. March 16, 1787; he md. (2d) Feb. 5, 1789, Elizabeth Sargent of Princeton, b. in Bolton March 12, 1758. He d. Jan. 7, 1838; she d. Jan. 19, 1838.

- 13 I. *Infant*, b. and d. March 16, 1787.
- 14 II. *Mary Townsend* (twin), b. March 16, 1787; md. Jan. 1, 1837, Abraham Foster, *q. v.*
- 15 III. *Amos*, b. July 31, 1789; md. Almira Fuller, and resided in Grafton, Vt.

- 16 iv. *Ebenezer*, b. July 30, 1792; d. unmd. Nov. 1, 1835.
- 17 v. *Elizabeth* (twin), b. July 30, 1792; d. unmd. Dec. 24, 1863.
- 18 vi. *Joseph*, b. Sept. 5, 1794. +
- 19 vii. *Charles*, b. June 11, 1797. +
- 20 viii. *Charlotte* (twin), b. June 11, 1797; unmd. She is the oldest resident of this town.
- 21 ix. *John Cushing*, b. Jan. 29, 1801. +

- (17) JOSEPH DAVIS was early engaged with his brothers in the manufacture of chairs; subsequently he was a farmer. He owned the farm on which the almshouse is situated, and which he sold to the town. He removed in 1840 to Rindge, where he d. Oct. 10, 1873. He lived above reproach. He md. May 26, 1828, Huldah Lawrence, dau. of Reuben and Lois (Tenney) Lawrence, of Ashley. She d. Dec. 9, 1838; he md. April 15, 1839, Jane McIntyre, dau. of Jacob and Polly (Russell) McIntyre, *q.v.*; she d. Feb. 22, 1846; he md. (3d) Feb. 11, 1847, Rachel Brooks, dau. of Stephen and Rachel (Taylor) Brooks of New Ipswich, and a sister of Dea. Harvey Brooks of this town.

- 22 i. *Harriet Augusta*, b. Aug. 16, 1829; md. Nov., 1858, Derostus P. Emory, son of Derostus W. and Mary (Pierce) Emory. They reside in Jaffrey, N. H.
- 23 ii. *George W.*, b. May 22, 1832; md. Aug. 16, 1861, Melissa A. Metcalf, dau. of Erastus and Harriet (Aldrich) Metcalf. He is a successful merchant in Hudson.
- 24 iii. *Andrew Lysander*, b. Dec. 14, 1834; d. Feb. 27, 1836.
- 25 iv. *Emily F.*, b. Sept. 15, 1836; md. Samuel W. Kimball, son of Samuel M. and Melinda (Pierce) Kimball. They resided in Rindge where she d.
- 26 v. *Joseph Lysander*, b. in Rindge, May 29, 1843; drowned in Deerfield Oct. 14, 1869.

- (19) CHARLES DAVIS was one of the pioneer manufacturers of chairs in this town, and in connection with his brothers it is claimed that he was the first to employ water power in this business. He md. Oct. 11, 1812, Elvira Buss, of Sterling, who d. June 11, 1833; he md. (2d) Aug. 27, 1834, Nabby Buss of Sterling. He d. Sept. 20, 1837; she d. June 2, 1871.

- 27 i. *Charles Edson*, b. May 11, 1822; he was a physician. *Vide* Chap. XX. He md. May 13, 1856, Rebecca C. Crowley, of Enfield. He d. June 8, 1863.
- 28 1. *Charles O.*, b. June 1, 1857.
- 29 ii. *Oliver*, b. Aug. 7, 1823. *Vide* Chap. XX. He died unmd. March 1, 1853.
- 30 iii. *Mary Elizabeth*, b. May 1, 1825; died in Boston, unmd. April 30, 1886.
- 31 iv. *Ruhamah Whitney*, b. March 30, 1827; d. March 25, 1833.
- 32 v. *Surah*, b. March 23, 1829; d. unmd. Nov. 9, 1853.
- 33 vi. *Laura Elvira*, b. March 6, 1831; md. Nov. 11, 1858, David W. Miller, of Westminster. They reside in Gardner.
- 34 1. *Charles O.*, b. March 9, 1861; md. Jan. 9, 1883, *Mary Dargie*.
- 35 2. *George W.*, b. Nov. 30, 1866.
- 36 vii. *Ruhamah Whitney*, b. May 3, 1833; d. Feb. 17, 1848.
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- (21) DEA. JOHN C. DAVIS resided on the farm occupied by his father and by his grandfather. He was a manufacturer of chairs and a farmer. He d. June 19, 1883. His widow, advanced in years, resides upon the homestead and near the place of her birth.
- 37 i. *Lucy Orintha*, b. Nov. 22, 1826; md. Jan. 25, 1848, *Charles Allen*, son of *Salmon* and *Sophia* (*Sawtell*) *Allen* of *Rindge*. They reside in *Fitchburg*.
- 38 ii. *Phebe Elizabeth*, b. Nov. 15, 1830; md, June 11, 1850, *Edward F. Rollins*; he was a lieutenant in the war of the rebellion. They reside in *Boston*.
- 39 iii. *Elmira C.*, b. Dec. 9, 1834; md. April 30, 1862. *Frank N. Harris*, son of *William Harris*, *q. v.*
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- 40 AMOS DAVIS, birth and parentage unknown: removed to this town from Sudbury about 1818. He had a large family, and had previously resided a short time in Maine. I have no record of his marriage, but find ample evidence of the event in the number of his children. He d. Sept. 16, 1830, aged 80 years; his wife d. Aug. 3, 1829. It is probable that the children are not named in the order of age

- 41 I. *Jonas*, b. 1781; d. in this town, unmd., Aug. 2, 1864.
- 42 II. *Jonathan*.
- 43 III. *Susannah*, md. John Wilson, *q. v.*
- 44 IV. *Joseph*, md. — — —; she d. April 7, 1818; md. (2d) March 7, 1819, Molly S. Gates, dau. of Henry Gates, *q. v.*; she d. Sept. 27, 1834.
- 45 V. *Amos* was md.; buried several children in this town; removed to Vermont.
- 46 VI. *Lucy*, md. April 20, 1819, William Pollard, *q. v.*
- 47 VII. *Aaron*, md. April 12, 1819, Rebecca Anne Stewart. She was a native of New Zealand. Her swarthy complexion indicates that she was born under the tropical sun.
- 48 1. Elizabeth Inches, b. June 20, 1824.
- 49 2. John Alexander Stewart, b. July 16, 1825.
- 50 3. Charles Robert Wilson, b. March 23, 1827.
- 51 4. George Washington, b. Oct. 9, 1831.
- 52 5. Henry Albert, b. April 22, 1833.
- 53 VIII. *Ruth*, d. young.
- 54 IX. *Sally*, md. 1834, Joshua Stowell, *q. v.*
- 54 X. *Adam S.*, b. 1800; md. 1826, Martha Cowdin; she d. Oct. 10, 1856. He md. (2d) 1858, widow Lydia Stinegar, of unsavory reputation. He d. May 12, 1881; she d. Aug. 14, 1875.
- 55 1. Mary Amanda, b. Nov. 19, 1828; d. Jan. 12, 1829.
- 56 2. George W., b. Jan. 3, 1830; d. Feb. 20, 1830.
- 57 3. Mary C., b. June 23, 1831; d. Sept. 9, 1834.
- 58 4. Sarah Samantha, b. Oct. 30, 1833.
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- 59 JOSIAH DAVIS, b. May 6, 1779; md. 1800, Sarah Piper, b. Aug. 22, 1783, dau. of Jonathan and Elizabeth Piper. They resided many years in Ashby, where she d. about 1830. He md. (2d) April 21, 1836, Lucy Cutting, dau. of Samuel Cutting, *q. v.*, and removed to this town, where he d. She d. Feb. 15, 1869.
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- 60 ALONZO P. DAVIS, son of Josiah and Sarah (Piper) Davis, b. in Ashby, July 23, 1818; md. July 27, 1841, Emily M. Russell, dau. of Thomas and Hephsey (Adams) Russell, *q. v.* By occupation he is a harness-maker. He has resided in this town since 1845. He has been

prominently connected with the Ashburnham Light Infantry many years, and was an officer from 1855 until the company was mustered into the service. While in the service he was a lieutenant. *Vide* Chapters XVIII and XIX.

- 61 i. Warren A., b. Aug. 23, 1848; md. Oct. 8, 1877, Isabelle Roscoe. He is a railroad conductor; resides in Aurora, Ill.
- 62 ii. Joseph George, b. June 3, 1852; d. April 30, 1858.
- 63 iii. Lona M., b. Oct. 8, 1854; resides in Ashburnham.

64 GEORGE DAVIS, son of Reuben Davis, of Ashby; md. Dec. 27, 1836, Nancy H. White, dau. of Josiah White, *q. v.* He was a blacksmith in this town, where he d. Sept. 9, 1875; she d. March 17, 1856.

65 i. Elizabeth Matilda, b. Nov. 28, 1837; md. Nov. 16, 1856, James Wheeler, of Fitchburg; he d., and she md. (2d) Jan. 1, 1881, Robert Shackley; resides in Charlestown.

66 ii. George Edwin, b. Sept. 6, 1839. He was a lieutenant in 21st Regiment. *Vide* Chap. XIX. He md. Feb. 18, 1864, Helen M. Puffer, dau. of Reuben Puffer. He resides in Fort Madison, Iowa.

67 iii. John W., b. Sept. 26, 1846; d. Sept. 12, 1848.

68 iv. Charles W., b. Sept. 9, 1852; d. Nov. 14, 1873.

69 JOEL DAVIS, son of Josiah Davis, of New Ipswich, md. May 28, 1807, Rebecca Adams, dau. of John Adams, *q. v.* She died, and he md. (2d) Orpah Stearns, dau. of Isaac Stearns, *q. v.* She died March 9, 1866. Mr. Davis lived on the north turnpike several years, and kept the "Children of the Woods" tavern. About 1828 he removed to Lowell. No record of children has been secured. An infant d. in this town, March 11, 1824, and a daughter, Rebecca, was living when the family removed from town.

1 MICHAEL DEMPSEY, b. in Ireland, 1816, md. Ellen Connell, and in early life emigrated to America. He came to Ashburnham 1845, and for many years he was a switchman in the employ of the Cheshire R. R. His wife d. about 1856, and he md. (2d) 1857, Mary Kennedy. He d. March 13, 1882.

2 i. John, b. 1840; md. Alice Donohoe; a railroad conductor; resides at Philadelphia, Penn.

3 ii. Michael, b. 1842; resides in Philadelphia, Penn.

- 4 iii. *Mary*, b. 1844 ; md. John Shay of Fitchburg.
- 5 iv. *Bridget*, b. 1846 ; md. Cornelius Bresnahan ; they
 reside in Ashburnham.
- 6 v. *William*, b. 1853 ; md. 1879, Nellie Coughlin ; he
 is a switchman in employ of Cheshire R. R.
- 7 vi. *Timothy*, b. 1855 ; md. Mary Rouch ; resides in
 Virginia City.
- 8 vii. *Jeremiah*, b. 1860 ; a switchman in employ of
 Cheshire R. R.

1 MILO DERBY, son of Nathan and Susan (Thompson)
Derby, was b. 1802. Nathan Derby, the father, resided
in Lancaster, Rindge, and Andover, Vt. Milo Derby md.
Nov. 27, 1833, Clara Cook, dau. of John Cook, *q. v.*, and
resided in this town, where he d. June 8, 1851. His
widow md. (2d) David Nutting, who d. Feb. 24, 1863.

- 2 i. *Edward M.*, b. May 16, 1836 ; d. Nov. 27, 1844.
- 3 ii. *Wilbur M.*, b. May 6, 1841 ; md. May 10, 1865,
 Martha A. Page, dau. of Warren and Mary
 (Brown) Page, of Winchester, N. H. They
 resided in Rindge several years. and, subse-
 quently in this town ; removed 1883 to Florida.
- 4 iii. *Lizzie C.*, b. March 29, 1848 ; md. May 10, 1865,
 Willard Page, son of Warren and Mary (Brown)
 Page ; she died Sept. 27, 1867.

5 JOSIAH DERBY, a brother of Milo Derby, b. July 4,
1805. resided many years in this town. where he d. April
4, 1876. He md Feb. 2, 1832, Betsey Whitney, dau. of
Capt. Lemuel Whitney, *q. v.* : she d. Aug. 8, 1868.

- 6 i. *Sarah E.*, b. May 23, 1833 ; d. June 13, 1844.
- 7 ii. *Mary A.* b. Sept. 28, 1834 ; md. Dec. 19, 1860,
 William Flint ; he d. in the army : she md. (2d)
 Jona. Edward Goodwin, *q. v.*
- 8 iii. *Jane E.*, b. July 9, 1836 ; md. Feb. 25, 1869, John
 H. Whitney.
- 9 iv. *Emily A.* b. Jan. 14, 1838 ; md. July 29, 1860,
 George Fuller of Shirley ; she d. July 7, 1867.
- 10 v. *Lurania*, b. April 30, 1839 ; md. June 2, 1859,
 Boardman F. Warren of Townsend.
- 11 vi. *Josiah*, b. Nov. 20, 1840 ; d. June 17, 1844.
- 12 vii. *Franklin G.*, b. June 10, 1842 ; d. July 20, 1842.
- 13 viii. *Selina*, b. May 26, 1843 ; md. Nov. 21, 1866, Jo-
 seph N. Day of Lancaster.
- 14 ix. *Joseph H.*, b. Oct. 21, 1844 ; d. May 26, 1866.

- 15 x. *Harriet E.*, b. July 31, 1846; md. March 28, 1875, Lafayette W. Peirce, Esq., of Winchendon.
 16 xi. *Sarah A.*, b. Sept. 6, 1848; md. Oct. 10, 1874, Louis Morse of St. Albans, Vt.
 17 xii. *Francena E.*, b. Oct. 3, 1850.

1 GEORGE DICKINSON removed from Rowley to Harvard about 1740, where five children were born. About 1760 he came to this town. The new settlements invited the young and the strong, and Mr. Dickinson found here very few his superior in years. The name of his wife was Sarah, but I have not found any record of his marriage. He d. Nov. 15, 1776, aged 70; she d. Sept. 10, 1780. This name appears in the records Dickinson and Dickerson, with even-handed impartiality. The following children were b. in Harvard:

- 2 i. *Jeremiah*, b. Dec. 16, 1736.
 3 ii. *Daniel*, b. June 14, 1739.
 4 iii. *David*, b. Oct. 7, 1741. +
 5 iv. *Amos*, b. March 14, 1743. +
 6 v. *Francis*, b. Sept. 20, 1746.

(4) DAVID DICKINSON, md. July 16, 1767. Persis Wheeler, dau. of Seth Wheeler of New Ipswich, and resided in this town until 1779, when he removed to Shelburne.

- 7 i. *David*, bap. 1769.
 8 ii. *Sally*, bap. 1771.

(5) AMOS DICKINSON md. March 12, 1770, Elizabeth Stone. Mr. Cushing records his death Jan. 4, 1788, with the remark, "he died of bilious colic, aged 40 to 50 years." There is a record of birth of only one child. Others were bap.

- 9 i. *Amos*, bap. in private July 27, 1772. He d. the same day.
 10 ii. *Betty*, b. Sept. 14, 1773; md. May 10, 1794, Isaac Jackson.
 11 iii. *Sarah*, bap. Oct. 13, 1776.
 12 iv. *Dolly*, bap. Oct. 3, 1779; md. James Adams, q. v.

13 JOHN DICKINSON, probably connected with the foregoing families, resided in this town several years, at least, succeeding the Revolution. He md. March 22, 1790, Rose Gibson of Ashby.

1 JOSIAH DODGE md., probably in Concord, Hannah
Conant, dau. of Ebenezer Conant, *q. v.* He came to
Ashburnham soon after the date of incorporation and
removed to Machais, Me., about 1787. The children are
named in the records, but the date of birth of only one
was entered.

2 I. *Eunice.*

3 II. *Mary.*

4 III. *Josiah.*

5 IV. *Anna.*

6 V. *Betty.*

7 VI. *Reuben.*

8 VII. *Daniel.*

9 VIII. *Ebenezer*, b. June 30, 1779.

1 WILLIAM DOOLAN was b. in the County of Cork in
Ireland 1824. In 1846 he md. Mary Ann Butler. They
came to America about two years after their marriage and
came to this town in 1849. He was drafted in May, 1864,
and served in the 19th Regiment until the following July.
He d. Sept. 30, 1868; his widow d. March. 1876.

2 I. *Richard*, b. Jan. 15, 1847; md. Dec. 21, 1870,
Margaret Hayes; resides in this town.

3 II. *David*, b. April 21, 1850; unmd; resides in this
town.

4 III. *Hannah*, b. Nov. 30, 1852.

5 IV. *Margaret*, b. March 1, 1854.

6 V. *William*, b. March 27, 1856.

7 VI. *John*, b. Aug. 30, 1860.

8 VII. *Mary*, b. Dec. 25, 1862.

9 VIII. *Ellen*, b. May 15, 1863.

10 IX. *Josie*, b. July 15, 1865.

11 THOMAS DOOLAN, a native of Ireland. was b. in 1836.
He is a farmer in this town upon the Dickerson Brooks
farm. He came to Ashburnham about 1860. He md.
Feb. 9, 1861, Honora Hartnett, b. in Ireland. 1836.

12 I. *Anna*, b. Nov. 14, 1861.

13 II. *Thomas*, b. June 17, 1865.

14 III. *Margaret*, b. Nov. 26, 1869.

15 IV. *Mary Elizabeth*, b. Dec. 30, 1871.

16 V. *David E.*

17 VI. *Daniel.*

DUNSTER.

The only permanent resident of this town who bore the name of Dunster was Samuel Dunster. He was a lineal descendant of Henry Dunster the first president of Harvard University. The generations are Henry, Jonathan, Henry, Jason and Samuel. Jason Dunster, a great-grandson of Henry Dunster and a son of Henry and Martha (Russell) Dunster, b. 1725, md. Oct. 26, 1749, Rebecca Cutter, dau. of Samuel and Anne (Harrington) Cutter. He removed from Cambridge to Mason, N. H., 1769, when Samuel was three years of age. In 1801 Jason Dunster and his wife Rebecca removed to Ashburnham and united with the church in this town, but the following year they returned to Mason, where he d. Feb. 19, 1805, aged 80 years.

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- 1 SAMUEL DUNSTER, son of Jason and Rebecca (Cutter) Dunster, was b. in Cambridge April 20, 1766. He was bap. Samuel Cutter, but omitting the middle name he was known as Samuel Dunster. He removed to this town in 1802 and three years later he bought a tract of land at Factory Village. He was an enterprising man and his intimate connection with the early manufactures of this town is mentioned in the preceding chapters. He md. Jan. 12, 1792, Hannah Townsend, b. in Northboro Aug. 8, 1770, eldest dau. of Samuel and Hannah (Lawrence) Townsend. She d. Aug. 8, 1826; he md. (2d) March 1, 1827, Madamoisella Townsend, a sister of his first wife; she was b. in Mason, N. H., March 19, 1794. He d. April 19, 1839. His widow md. (2d) Aug. 29, 1843, Samuel Knight, *q. v.* There were no children. The wife of Joel Barrett was a sister of the wives of Samuel Dunster.
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- 1 SALMON DUTTON, son of Joseph and Rebecca (Adams) Dutton and grandson of Thomas and Hannah (Burge) Dutton of Westford, was b. 1744; resided in this town a few years, immediately following the date of incorporation. He removed to Cavendish, Vt., where he d. 1824.
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- 2 THOMAS DUTTON, a brother of Salmon, was b. in Westford. Jan. 8, 1747-8. He md. 1768, Sarah Bigelow, a sister of Silas Bigelow, *q. v.* They came to this town in 1770, and a few years later removed to Jaffrey, N. H., where several of their ten children were b. She d. Dec. 23, 1811. He d. Dec. 31, 1838.
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- 3 SAMUEL DUTTON resided in this town only a few years. He d. here Oct. 22, 1815. His age was recorded "30 to 40 years." No record of his marriage has been found.

4 INFANT, d. July 19, 1815.

1 TIMOTHY DWIGHT, settled in this town in 1766 and d. April 2, 1769, being the first adult who d. in this town after the ordination of Mr. Cushing. He was the son of Samuel and Jane (Bulkley) Dwight of Dedham and Sutton, b. May 27, 1745. He md. Sarah Alden and in 1770 the father and the widow petition the General Court for power to sell the lands in Ashburnham, and also assert that he left two daughters. The widow md. Thomas Newhall of Leicester, where she d. 1797.

2 I. *Sarah*, b. 1766; md. Edmund Muzzey; d. May 23, 1819.

3 II. *Mehitable*, b. May 6, 1768; md. David Trask; d. 1800.

EATON.

JOHN EATON with his wife Abigail and two children embarked at London for New England in 1635. He was admitted freeman at Watertown 1636, and the following year he settled in Dedham, where he d. Nov. 17, 1658. His son John, b. about 1636, lived in Dedham; by wife Alice he had seven sons and one daughter. William Eaton, son of John and Alice Eaton, b. 1677, also was a resident of Dedham. He md. 1704, Mary Starr, and d. 1718. His son, Josiah Eaton, b. 1711, md. 1736, Sarah Day and removed to Needham, where he d. 1802. Among the ten children of Josiah and Sarah (Day) Eaton was John Eaton who served in the Revolution and removed to Winchendon, and while residing there he md. May 17, 1779, Mary Larkin of Lancaster. He resided in the southeast part of Winchendon and was included in Gardner when that town was incorporated 1785. He d. in Gardner Nov. 24, 1827; his wife d. Sept. 22, 1817. He had six children, and among them was Josiah Eaton of Ashburnham, of the sixth generation in America. He is number 1 in the following register.

Another branch of the Eaton family is descended from Nathaniel Eaton, a resident and a leather dresser of Boston, who md. Aug. 26, 1743, Mercy Trott; md. (2d) Sarah Day, dau. of James Day. He d. 1750. Nathaniel Eaton, Jr., b. July 24, 1744, was the only child that was living at the death of the father. He was a baker by trade and resided in Roxbury and later in Lancaster. He was a captain of the minute-men in Lancaster, where he d., aged 97 years. He md. Martha Gridley of Roxbury, dau. of Dea. William Gridley. He md. (2d) Dec. 30, 1778, widow Lucy Bennett. John Eaton, who is number 16 in the register, was the ninth of fourteen children; five by the first and nine by the second marriage. It is suggested by Prof. Daniel C. Eaton of Yale College, an acknowledged authority in the genealogy of the Eaton family, and to whom I am indebted for many facts in this register, that probably the earlier generations in this line of descent were (1) Nathaniel; (2) Benoni, b. 1639, d. 1690, of Cambridge; (3) Theophilus, b. 1674; (4) Nathaniel, who was in Boston 1720, and (5) Nathaniel, first named, who md. Mercy Trott.

The lineage of Nathan Eaton, number 25, is not allied to that of the other families of Eaton in this town. The emigrant ancestor of this family was William Eaton of Staple in the county of Kent, England. With his wife Martha, three children and one servant he sailed from Sandwich in 1637 and settled first at Watertown, and subsequently removed to Reading, where he

d. May 16, 1673. His wife d. Nov. 14, 1680. John Eaton, eldest son and third of the five children of William, resided in Reading; md. March 8, 1668 or 1669, Elizabeth Kendall, dau. of Dea. Thomas Kendall of Reading; he d. Dec. 17, 1695. William Eaton, the sixth of their eleven children, was b. in Reading Dec. 1, 1670. He resided in Reading and in Lynnfield, where he d. 1734; he md. April 29, 1695, Mary Swain, dau. of Major Jeremiah Swain who survived him. Jeremiah Eaton, second of the nine children of William Eaton, was b. July 10, 1698; md. in Lynn April 10, 1722, Margaret Hawks; md. (2d) Nov. 3, 1730, Hannah Osgood, dau. of Samuel Osgood of Andover. He was a carpenter, went to Haverhill 1733, and to Hampstead about 1748, where he d. 1754. Jeremiah Eaton, son of Jeremiah and Hannah (Osgood) Eaton, b. April 25, 1738, md. April 14, 1761, Lydia Flint; md. (2d) Nov. 16, 1780, widow Hannah Wardwell of Andover. He was a deacon of the church in North Reading and resided near the line between Reading and Lynn. He d. July 17, 1791. There were seven children of the first and four of the second marriage. Osgood Eaton, son of Dea. Jeremiah and Lydia (Flint) Eaton, was b. Jan. 7, 1770. About 1805 he removed to Farmington, Me. He was a carpenter. He md. Jan. 22, 1797, Joanna Leighton, b. in Westford Dec. 30, 1776, dau. of Francis and Lydia (Fitch) Leighton; d. in Reading Sept. 1, 1803. He md. (2d) Nov. 9, 1804, Polly Jaquith. He d. Sept. 21, 1830. Nine children. Osgood Eaton, son of Osgood and Joanna (Leighton) Eaton, was b. in Reading Feb. 2, 1799. In his childhood the family removed to Maine. He md. Feb. 2, 1825, Hannah Wentworth of Strong and settled in Wilton in that State. He was a farmer and was frequently employed in public affairs. He d. Jan. 7, 1877; she d. June 26, 1871. Among their ten children was Nathan Eaton of Ashburnham.

- 1 JOSIAH EATON, son of John and Mary (Larkin) Eaton, was b. in Gardner Jan. 13, 1787. He md. Mary Reed, dau. of Jonas Reed, *q. v.*, and removed to this town about 1816. Three children were b. in Gardner and seven in this town. He d. Dec. 7, 1862; his wife survived him and d. Aug. 12, 1872.
- 2 I. *Merrick*, b. Sept. 30, 1811.+
- 3 II. *Mary Ann*, b. Dec. 14, 1812; md. 1832, Samuel Kelton, son of Lemuel and Patty (Angier) Kelton of Gardner.
- 4 III. *Josiah*, b. May 5, 1814; md. 1839, Abbie Wheeler, dau. of Samuel C. and Abigail (Wilson) Wheeler of New Ipswich. He d. at Saratoga, N. Y., March 29, 1865.
- 5 IV. *Hosea*, b. March 10, 1820; md. Nov. 28, 1845, Mary Wheeler, dau. of Samuel C. and Abigail (Wilson) Wheeler of New Ipswich. He resided in New Ipswich. Hon. Hosea Eaton was a man of quick perceptions and of marked ability. He was Provost Marshal during the war of the Rebellion, and has served with distinction in both branches of the New Hampshire Legislature, and for many years, and until his death, held an appointment in Boston Customs. He d. in

- Rindge, where he was temporarily residing on account of feeble health, Nov. 26, 1879.
- 6 v. *Danforth Leander*, b. July 4, 1822; md. Dec. 5, 1848. Mary Helen Look, dau. of John and Charlotte (Hopkins) Look of Farmers Creek, Mich.; she d. 1858; he md. (2d) Oct. 2, 1860, Octavia Richards, dau. of Arba and Emily (Kelsey) Richards of Lowell, Mich. He is a clergyman residing in Lowell, Mich. *Vide* Chap. XX.
- 7 vi. *Otis W.*, b. May 29, 1823; d. at Saratoga, N. Y., Nov. 4, 1871. He md. Dec. 25, 1842, Harriet Wheeler, dau. of Samuel C. and Abigail (Wilson) Wheeler.
- 8 vii. *George*, b. May 16, 1826; d., by accident, May 30, 1850.
- 9 viii. *Lucy E.*, b. Sept. 23, 1827; d. May 22, 1859.
- 10 ix. *Nancy W.*, b. June 20, 1833; md. March 27, 1855, Orson W. Look; d. in Michigan Oct. 4, 1860.
- 11 x. *Charles C.*, b. April 25, 1835; resides in Saratoga, N. Y.; md. Elizabeth Hosley.
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- (2) MERRICK EATON, son of Josiah Eaton, md. 1836, Elizabeth A. Gates of Gardner, and he md. (2d) June 14, 1860, Rebecca C. Lane, dau. of Francis Lane, *q. v.* He resided in this town, where he d. Feb. 16, 1875.
- 12 i. *Harriet*, b. May 11, 1839; md. Noah Hardy of Hollis, N. H.
- 13 ii. *Albert*, d. in infancy.
- 14 iii. *Mary*, b. Sept. 10, 1845; md. April 15, 1864, William H. Cruse, b. March 2, 1843, son of John G. T. Cruse of Westminster. They reside in the South Village. Three children.
- 15 iv. *Ellen*, d. in infancy.
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- 16 JOHN EATON, son of Nathaniel, was b. in Lancaster, Oct. 21, 1784; md. June 12, 1808. Eunice Jones, dau. of Enos Jones, *q. v.* He was a cabinet-maker. He resided in this town from 1805 to 1809 or 1810, when he removed to Royalston, and about 1830 he removed to Fitzwilliam, N. H., where he d. Sept. 22, 1835. She d. 1852.
- 17 i. *Albin Jones*, b. June 19, 1809; md. March 27, 1838, Delight Stone, dau. of David Stone of Fitzwilliam. He was a physician at Oakham.
- 18 ii. *Harriet M.*, b. Oct. 6, 1811; md. Aug. 31, 1841,

- Otis Whittemore, son of William S., and Molly (Locke) Whittemore of Fitzwilliam. They removed to Richland, Iowa.
- 19 iii. *John H.*, b. June 6, 1814; removed to Richland, Iowa.
- 20 iv. *Nathaniel L.*, b. May 23, 1816: resides unmd. in Ashburnham, where he has been engaged in business and frequently employed in town affairs.
- 21 v. *Eunice Ann*, b. June 21, 1819; md. Nov. 20, 1839, Chauncy Davis, son of Chauncy Davis of Fitzwilliam.
- 22 vi. *Charles L.*, b. March 21, 1822. resides unmd. in the West.
- 23 vii. *Lucy A.*, b. Aug. 12, 1824; d. Feb. 13, 1829.
- 24 viii. *Francis W.*, b. Feb. 26, 1827; d. Dec. 12, 1837.

25 NATHAN EATON, of the eighth generation in the lineage of William Eaton, is a son of Osgood and Hannah (Wentworth) Eaton. He was b. in Wilton, Me., April 5, 1836. He is a contractor and builder and has resided in this town since 1862. He has been an efficient member of the school committee many years and has never failed in the support of any laudable enterprise. He md. June 27, 1865, Mary I. Maynard, dau. of Antipas Maynard, *q. v.* She d. May 20, 1866; he md. (2d) Nov. 29, 1868, Emma C. Maynard, dau. of Antipas Maynard, *q. v.*

26 WENDELL EATON, not immediately related to the foregoing families, a son of John and Eunice (Kemp) Eaton of Westminster, b. Sept. 5, 1834, md April 7, 1870, Serepta A. Johnson, b. March 20, 1842, dau. of Daniel and Phileta (Fitts) Johnson of Templeton. He is a farmer and mechanic residing on the Litch place in the south part of the town.

EDDY.

The Eddy families of New England are descendants of John and Samuel Eddy, sons of William Eddy, Vicar of the Church of St. Dunstan in Cranbrook, County of Kent, England. The brothers arrived at Plymouth Oct. 29, 1630. John Eddy, who was b. in March, 1597, settled in Watertown in 1631. He was admitted freeman Sept. 3, 1634, and was a Selectman of Watertown, 1635, '36, '37. By wife Amy he had nine children. He md. (2d) Joana — who d. Aug. 25, 1683; he d. Oct. 12, 1684. Samuel Eddy, son of John and Amy Eddy, was b. in Watertown Sept. 30, 1640, and was admitted freeman March 22, 1689-90. He resided in Watertown and was many times elected to office. He md. 1664, Sarah Meade. He d. Nov. 22, 1711. A fac-simile of his signature is preserved. Samuel Eddy, eldest child of Samuel and Sarah (Meade) Eddy, b. June 4, 1668, md. Dec. 13, 1693, Elizabeth Woodward, dau. of George and Elizabeth (Hammond) Woodward.

He was living in 1722. The sixth of his seven children was Ebenezer Eddy, b. probably 1705; md. Ruth Ward, b. May 19, 1710, dau. of Eleazer and Deliverance (Trowbridge) Ward of Newton. He removed to Oxford, now Auburn, where he d. 1767. Abel Eddy, the second of his five children, b. April 15, 1741, removed to Belchertown, where Abijah Eddy, the second of nine children was b. June 1, 1776; he [Abijah] md. June 2, 1801, Beulah Cheney, b. in Orange, Jan. 26, 1784, dau. of Eben Cheney. He removed to Warwick, where he d. March 23, 1836; his widow d. April 3, 1833. Abijah Eddy, son of Abijah and Beulah (Cheney) Eddy, b. Aug. 6, 1807, md. Jan. 1833, Lucretia Ball Stearns, b. Feb. 19, 1814. He d. in Somerville, Nov. 25, 1880.

- 1 GEORGE WELLS EDDY, son of Abijah and Lucretia B. (Stearns) Eddy, was b. in Warwick July 24, 1837, and has resided in Ashburnham since 1859, where he has been an accountant for George C. Winchester and for the Boston Chair Manufacturing Company. He has been president of the Ashburnham National Bank since 1879, and in 1880 he represented the district in the Legislature. He was an early and earnest advocate of a public library and to his continued support the enterprise is indebted. In 1883 he was chosen a deacon of the Congregational church. He md. Nov. 27, 1883, Etta Elizabeth Stratton, b. Oct. 9, 1844, dau. of Stillman and Maria (Keyes) Stratton of Winchendon.

- 2 ELIPHALET EDDY, who resided in this town sixteen years, was b. in Auburn Oct. 12, 1810. He was a son of Jesse Eddy, a grandson of Levi Eddy of Oxford and a great-grandson of Samuel Eddy who was a brother of Ebenezer Eddy named in the preceding record. He owned the mill now of Robert W. McIntire several years and removed from town about 1848. He was not md.

- 1 ELIJAH EDSON removed from Bridgewater to this town in 1769. He was a son of Dr. Elijah and Anne (Packard) Edson and grandson of Capt. Josiah Edson. He md. in Bridgewater Martha Washburn and three children were b. previous to their removal to this town. He was a drummer in Capt. Gates' company in 1775 and is named in the records a short time after that date. The family disappears about 1778.

- 2 I. *Sarah.*

- 3 II. *Olive.*

- 4 III. *Ziba.*

- 5 IV. *Infant*, b. 1775; d. May 13, 1776.

- 6 DANIEL EDSON, a younger brother of Elijah, was a resident of Ashburnham in 1775 and a short time subsequently. He was in Capt. Gates' and Capt. Wilder's companies and participated in the siege of Boston until Jan. 1, 1776. I find no record of his marriage nor does the name of his wife appear in the records.

- 7 i. *Infant*, b. and d. Jan. 14, 1775.

ELLIS.

The older branch of the Ellis family of Ashburnham is descended from the Dedham family. The parentage of Joseph Ellis who was b. 1666 I cannot state with accuracy as two of the same name were b. in Dedham the same year. One was a son of Joseph and Ruth Ellis, the other a son of Richard and Elizabeth Ellis. One of these md. 1703, Sarah Hemenway. He d. 1721, aged 55 years. Aaron Ellis, a son of Joseph and Sarah (Hemenway) Ellis, md. Jan. 4, 1726-7, Zipporah Lewis. Their children were Nathan, Aaron, Abel, Paul, Jesse, Oliver, Zipporah and Sarah. He d. 1746 and his widow md. 1747, Timothy Colburn of Dedham. Aaron Ellis, son of Aaron and Zipporah (Lewis) Ellis, served in 1754 in the French and Indian War and subsequently resided in Winchendon. Jesse Ellis, brother of Aaron Ellis, and perhaps other members of this family, removed to Winchendon. Sarah (Hemenway) Ellis, the grandmother of Aaron and Jesse Ellis, d. in Winchendon at an advanced age and was the second person buried in the old cemetery in the southwest part of the town.

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| 1 | JESSE ELLIS, son of Aaron and Zipporah (Lewis) Ellis, was b. in Dedham Oct. 25, 1740. He md. Mary Harding, dau. of Moses Harding of Medfield. They resided in Medfield, where she d. Sept. 28, 1776. Soon after this date he sold his real estate and removed to Winchendon. He md. (2d) Miriam Hill and continued to live in Winchendon until 1799, when he removed to Ashburnham and was the first of the name in this town. In 1793 while of Winchendon he was one of a committee to build school-houses in that town and his name is occasionally mentioned in the Ashburnham records. He d. Dec. 31, 1822; his widow d. Feb. 11, 1831. Two children by first wife were b. in Medfield and three by second wife were b. in Winchendon. |
| 2 | i. <i>Obed</i> , b. April 27, 1768; md. July 17, 1794. Margaret C. Adams, dau. of Nathan Adams of Medfield; he resided in Medfield, where he d. June 4, 1819; she d. May 31, 1844. No children. |
| 3 | ii. <i>Mary</i> , b. 1773; md. July 17, 1794, William Peters of Medfield. He d. Feb. 26, 1843; she d. March 18, 1835. Two children. |

- 4 1. Mary, md. Nov. 27, 1814, Dr. James
 Hewins.
- 5 2. Amy, md. Oct. 1, 1823, Rev. C. C. Sewell.
- 6 III. Miriam, b. April 7, 1780; md. April 7, 1803,
 Stephen Maynard, *q. v.*
- 7 IV. Zipporah, b. Nov. 29, 1782; md. Dec. 2, 1802,
 Joseph Miller, *q. v.*
- 8 V. Jesse, b. June 19, 1789. +
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- (8) JESSE ELLIS, son of Jesse, was a farmer in this town. He resided on the farm now owned by Samuel J. Bradlee of Ashby. He md. Nov. 8, 1807, Abigail Whitney, dau. of Silas Whitney, *q. v.*, who d. Jan. 24, 1869; he d. July 17, 1870. Nine children.

- 9 I. Mary W., b. March 13, 1809; md. Oliver G.
 Caldwell, son of John Caldwell. *q. v.*
- 10 II. Samuel, b. April 1, 1811; md. April 23, 1837,
 Sarah W. Cushing, dau. of Laban Cushing, *q. v.*
 He resided in this town, in Burlington, Vt., in
 Union City, N. Y., and later in Fitchburg,
 where he d. Aug. 17, 1880. He was esteemed
 for judgment and intelligence in business, and
 for many years was in the staging and livery
 business. Subsequently he was engaged in the
 shipment of flour, grain and lumber from the
 West. His widow resides in Fitchburg.
- 11 III. William Peters, b. Jan. 31, 1813. +
- 12 IV. Obed, b. March 13, 1815; md. Sept. 13, 1842,
 Mercy Stoddard, b. Dec. 23, 1817, dau. of
 Charles and Lovisa (Brigham) Stoddard. He
 resides, a farmer, in Dublin, N. H.
- 13 1. Charles J., b. Oct. 26, 1845; md. Austis
 Brooks; resides in Dublin, N. H.
- 14 V. Nancy, b. Sept. 3, 1817; md. Nov. 10, 1839,
 Bailey Marble, son of Samuel Marble; she d.
 Dec. 15, 1873; he d. Nov. 3, 1878.
- 15 VI. Sarah, b. Jan. 20, 1822; md. Sept. 17, 1849,
 Ohio Brown, son of Josiah Brown; resided in
 Stow and in this town.
- 16 VII. Lucy Caldwell, b. Dec. 11, 1824; md. Noyes B.
 Herrick, *q. v.*
- 17 VIII. Susan Brown, b. April 23, 1829; md. May 29,
 1867, Jonathan A. Perham, b. in Tyngsboro
 Dec. 4, 1820, son of Ralph and Sybil (Perham)
 Perham; reside in Ashburnham.

- 18 ix. *Mary Jane*, b. Aug. 13, 1833; md. William H. Brown of Stow.

(11) WILLIAM P. ELLIS, Esq., pursued a partial course of study at Oberlin College and was engaged in teaching several years, including four years near Newark, N. J., and two terms among the colored refugees in Canada. In 1845 he returned to Ashburnham, where he has since resided. He has been engaged in manufactures and was a merchant several years. He has ever been a loyal citizen and has frequently been called to positions of trust both in town and parish affairs, and was enumerator of the census 1880 and 1885. In every laudable enterprise his influence has been constant and salutary. He was a deacon of the Congregational Church from 1849 until his resignation in 1862. Dea. Ellis has been deeply interested in the preparation of the History of his native town and has furnished a generous measure of statistics and of family records. To his willing efforts the reader and the author are under enduring obligations. He md. April 21, 1841, Anner Green Randall, dau. of Samuel Randall, *q. v.*; she d. March 10, 1885. He md. (2d) Oct. 18, 1885, Martha (Swain) Wellington, dau. of Nathaniel and Sally (Damon) Swain, and widow of Albert Wellington of Ashby.

- 19 DANIELS ELLIS, a son of Bethuel Ellis and a grandson of John Ellis of Wrentham, was b. in Sherburn Oct. 17, 1799. He md. Nov. 9, 1820, Laura Spear, in Billingham Feb. 4, 1797. They resided in Barre, Templeton and Winchendon until 1850 when they removed to the North Village in this town. He was a farmer and was also engaged many years in the manufacture of lumber. He d. Feb. 22, 1885; she d. Jan 1, 1881. Six children.
- 20 i. *Bethuel*, b. Nov. 17, 1822; md. Jane H. Hapgood, dau. of John and Betsey (Temple) Hapgood of Winchendon; md. (2d) Etta (Carter) Whitney, dau. of Ebenezer and Clarissa (Colburn) Carter of Fitzwilliam, N. H. He was a surveyor, conveyancer and Trial Justice.
- 21 ii. *Daniels*, b. Jan. 18, 1824. +
- 22 iii. *William Franklin*, b. Dec. 28, 1825; d. Jan. 13, 1827.
- 23 iv. *Laura Maria*, b. March 13, 1829; md. May 12, 1846, George Lewis of Winchendon.
- 24 v. *Lyman*, b. Dec. 28, 1830; md. Emeline Thompson; resides in Everett.
- 25 vi. *Georgianna*, b. April 30, 1833; d. Aug. 28, 1859.

- (21) DANIELS ELLIS has been actively engaged in the manufacture of lumber and wood ware and is now employed in farming and as a merchant at North Ashburnham. He md. June 23, 1850, Harriet L. Perry of Concord, Vt., b. Jan. 19, 1824.
- 26 I. *Charles D.*, b. Jan. 22, 1851; md. Oct. 11, 1876, Ada M. Fletcher, dau. of Joshua Fletcher, *q. v.*; reside in Gardner.
- 27 II. *Jennie L.*, b. Aug. 23, 1858; md. Aug. 23, 1883, John W. Griswold, adopted son of Apollos Griswold, *q. v.*
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- 1 ENOS EMORY was b. in Rindge Oct. 23, 1791. He was the youngest son of John and Elizabeth (Perkins) Emory who removed from Topsfield to Rindge 1771. Enos Emory md. April 22, 1817, Zipporah Hale, b. Dec. 12, 1789, dau. of David and Bathsheba (Barker) Hale of Rindge. He was a manufacturer of spice boxes, and resided in Keene, N. H., and in Groton until 1833, when he removed to Lane Village in this town, where he was engaged in the manufacture of lumber and wood ware. His wife d. of small-pox Sept. 14, 1848; he d. Feb. 20, 1867.
- 2 I. *Mary J.*, b. Jan. 23, 1818; md. George E. Lane, son of Elias Lane, *q. v.*
- 3 II. *William H.*, b. March 27, 1821; md. June 11, 1856, Mary A. Lane, dau. of John Lane, *q. v.*; resides in this town.
- 4 III. *Charles H.*, b. March 29, 1823; md. Oct. 11, 1848, Eliza M. Lane, dau. of Elias Lane, *q. v.* Resides in Fitchburg. He is a machinist.
- 5 1. Lizzie M., b. June 28, 1857.
- 6 IV. *Pascal P.*, b. July 21, 1825; md. Nov. 27, 1850, Marilla J. Lane, dau. of Elias Lane, *q. v.* They reside in Springfield.
- 7 1. Etta E., b. Sept. 2, 1856; d. Nov. 3, 1878.
- 8 2. Flora J., b. April 17, 1861; d. Aug. 9, 1861.
- 9 3. Carrie J., b. Feb. 23, 1863.

FAIRBANKS.

JONATHAN FAIRBANK, with his wife Grace (Lee) and six children came from Somerby, Parish of West Riding, County of Yorkshire, England, about the year 1630, and settled in Dedham. He is supposed to be the ancestor of all of his name in this country. Richard, a brother of Jonathan,

came over at the same time, and was for a time postmaster in Boston, but is not known to have left any descendants. The Fairbank's mansion, near the centre of Dedham, built by Jonathan in 1636, still remains in a good state of preservation, and has never gone out of the family, and is said to be the oldest house in America. The town of Dedham granted a tract of land to Jonathan, 15th of 7 mo., 1641.

Jonathan d. at Dedham Dec. 5, 1668. His will, June 1, 1668, bequeaths the home place to his eldest son John. George, the second son, settled in the south part of Sherborn (now Medway) and is the ancestor of the families in St. Johnsbury, Vt.

Jonas, the third son settled in Lancaster, and had a numerous posterity in Lancaster, Harvard, Sterling and West Boylston, and is the ancestor of the Ashburnham families. Jonathan, the youngest son, settled in Dedham.

In the early records the name is sometimes Fairbank, and sometimes Fairbanks. The early name in England is said to have been Fairchild, and in Scotland Fairbairn.

Jonas Fairbanks, son of Jonathan and Grace (Lee) Fairbanks, settled in Lancaster about 1658, and signed the Covenant March 7, 1659. He md. March 28, 1658, Lydia Prescott, dau. of John Prescott of Lancaster. This is the first marriage recorded in Lancaster. They had seven children. Jonas the father was killed by the Indians, Feb. 10, 1676, and his widow md. Elias Barrow of Watertown. Lieut. Jabez Fairbanks is supposed to be the only son of Jonas and Lydia (Prescott) Fairbanks who left any sons. He was b. Nov. 8, 1670. His first wife Mary d. 1718; he md. (2d) March 25, 1719, Elizabeth Whitcomb who d. May 11, 1775, aged 80. He d. 1758, aged 88. Dea. Joseph Fairbanks, son of Lieut. Jabez and Mary Fairbanks, was b. in Lancaster 1694. He md. April 21, 1718, Mary Brown of Lancaster. Four of their sons left children, and a granddaughter was the wife of Daniel Knight of Ashburnham. Dea. Joseph Fairbanks d. Dec. 6, 1772, aged 78; his widow d. Nov. 14, 1791, aged 91 years 11 months. Capt. Joseph Fairbanks, son of Dea. Joseph and Mary (Brown) Fairbanks, was b. in Lancaster, now Harvard, Nov. 4, 1723. He md. Mary Willard of Lancaster. Their daughter, Anna, md. Ebenezer Burgess of Ashburnham. His wife d. Aug. 26, 1748, aged 25. He md. (2d) Abigail Hodgman of Groton. Among their nine children b. in Harvard, was Cyrus Fairbanks who removed to Ashburnham, and is No. 1 in the following register. Dea. Amos Fairbanks, another son of Dea. Joseph and Mary (Brown) Fairbanks, was b. in Harvard 1738. He was a farmer and a blacksmith in Harvard. His first wife Lucy d. Nov. 12, 1767, aged 28; he md. (2d) Rhoda Sawyer who d. Feb. 23, 1813, aged 72; he d. Jan. 14, 1809, aged 71. Dea. Noah Fairbanks, son of Dea. Amos and Rhoda (Sawyer) Fairbanks, was b. in Harvard May 21, 1771. He md. Hannah Whitcomb of Boxborough and in 1806 removed to Gardner. He was a farmer and a miller. He d. 1852, aged 81. Among the nine children of Dea. Amos and Hannah (Whitcomb) Fairbanks were Emory, Asaph and Joel who have resided in Ashburnham, and are named in the following register. Dea. Amos Fairbanks of Gardner was a cousin of Cyrus Fairbanks of Ashburnham.

- 1 CYRUS FAIRBANKS, son of Capt. Joseph and Abigail (Hodgman) Fairbanks was b. in Harvard May 17, 1752. He served in the Revolution and was the last of the pensioners in this town. He md. Aug. 25, 1779, Mercy Hale of Stowe, b. Feb. 7, 1756, and removed to this town in 1788. A part of the time at least between 1815 and 1820 he resided in Troy, N. H., but subsequently he lived in this town, where he d. June 18, 1852, aged 100 years; his wife d. 1840.

- 2 I. *Sally*, b. Aug. 8, 1780; md. Joseph Gibbs, *q. v.*;
md. (2d) Nov. 19, 1835, Lewis Hill of Chester,
Vt. She d. April 14, 1857.
- 3 II. *Jacob*, b. March 17, 1782. +
- 4 III. *Mercy*, b. Oct. 7, 1784; md. Walter Russell
Adams, *q. v.*
- 5 IV. *Cyrus*, b. Nov. 17, 1786. +
- 6 V. *Abigail*, b. Feb. 24, 1789; md. Aug. 28, 1806,
Leonard Patch; md. (2d) Walter Russell
Adams, *q. v.*
- 7 VI. *Artemas*, b. May 26, 1791; d. unmd. in Troy, N.
H., Aug. 27, 1863.
- 8 VII. *Betsey*, b. April 10, 1796; md. Amos Rice, b. Feb.
5, 1797, son of Samuel Rice of Ashby. They
removed to the State of New York.

- (3) JACOB FAIRBANKS, son of Cyrus Fairbanks, was b. in Harvard March 17, 1782. He md. May 25, 1808, Lydia Phillips, b. April 19, 1784, dau. of Seth and Elizabeth (Hamlin) Phillips of Fitchburg and a cousin of Hon. Hannibal Hamlin of Maine. He was a farmer and a citizen of good repute. He d. Jan. 21, 1850; she d. Jan. 22, 1852.

- 9 I. *Laura Olivia*, b. March 11, 1809; md. Emery
Rice, *q. v.*
- 10 II. *Europe Hamlin*, b. Sept. 14, 1810. +
- 11 III. *Seth Phillips*, b. March 11, 1812. +
- 12 IV. *Sherman Dexter*, b. Jan. 6, 1814.
- 13 V. *Lydia Harriet*, b. April 10, 1816; md. Jacob V.
Ward, son of Jacob Ward, *q. v.*
- 14 VI. *Mercy Elizabeth*, b. April 18, 1818; md. Joseph B.
Woods, son of Asa Woods, *q. v.*
- 15 VII. *Caroline Ardelia*, b. Feb. 22, 1820; md. Nov. 2,
1843, Artemas R. Smith, b. in Rindge June 16,
1814, son of Henry and Asenath (Rand) Smith.
He was successfully engaged in business in
Fitchburg, where he d.
- 16 1. Margaret Lydia, b. April 4, 1850; md.
Dec. 23, 1874, Edgar R. Ray of Franklin,
Mass.
- 17 2. Ralph Hamlin, b. Feb. 19, 1855; d. March
23, 1863.
- 18 3. Gertrude Elizabeth, b. Nov. 14, 1860.
- 19 VIII. *Sarah Dickey*, b. July 11, 1822; d. unmd. June
13, 1847.

- 20 ix. *Jacob Horatio*, b. Sept. 7, 1826; md. June 2, 1858, Margaret Emma Ferson; he is a farmer and has been engaged in the grain and iron trade in Fitchburg, where he resides.
- 21 1. Emma Isabel, b. Jan. 14, 1863; d. July 25, 1863.
- 22 x. *Albert Porter*, b. March 17, 1829; d. unmd. Nov. 14, 1851.
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- (5) CYRUS FAIRBANKS md. July 3, 1817, Betsey Jackson of Westminster. About the date of his marriage he removed to Troy, N. H., where he d. Nov. 23, 1861; she d. April 29, 1868.
- 23 i. *Eliza*, b. March 22, 1818; md. Ranson Ingalls; she d. Aug. 15, 1857.
- 24 ii. *Silas H.*, b. Dec. 7, 1819; md. Catherine (Woods) Aldrich, dau. of Asa Woods, *q. v.*; removed to Jaffrey 1856, where he d. Oct. 24, 1858. Their son, Arthur Walter, b. Aug. 24, 1857, is a druggist in Providence, R. I.
- 25 iii. *Mary Ann*, b. Dec. 3, 1822; md. July 9, 1844, Edward P. Kimball, Esq., b. in Hillsboro', N. H., Feb. 23, 1819; he resides in Troy, N. H., where he has been a merchant since 1842. He was postmaster eight years, sheriff of Cheshire County 1874-5, and deputy-sheriff many years.
- 26 iv. *George*, b. Oct. 22, 1825; md. Abbie Wright who d. Aug. 27, 1848; md. (2d) Nancy Watkins; she d. July 27, 1858; md. (3d) Oct. 26, 1859, Marietta S. French; resides in Jaffrey, N. H.
- 27 v. *Charles*, b. March 15, 1827; d. June 18, 1843.
- 28 vi. *Walter A.*, b. Jan. 5, 1830; md. Aug. 4, 1864, Mary J. Nourse; resides in Fitchburg.
- 29 vii. *Sarah W.*, b. May 8, 1832; md. June 28, 1865, Daniel H. Sawyer of Keene, N. H.
- 30 viii. *Caroline A.*, b. June 6, 1836; md. Nov. 24, 1863, Dr. Daniel Farrar; he was an esteemed physician in Leominster; he d. June 3, 1875; his widow resides in Leominster.
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- (10) EUROPE H. FAIRBANKS md. Oct. 2, 1833, Sally E. Crehore, dau. of Col. Timothy Crehore, *q. v.* They resided in Ashburnham until 1869, when they removed to Worcester; now reside in Fitchburg.
- 31 i. *Henry Augustus*, b. May 12, 1838.

- 32 II. *Herbert Hamlin*, b. Sept. 16, 1846.
 33 III. *Herbert Lewis*, b. Jan. 13, 1848.
 34 IV. *Albert Phillips*.

(11) SETH P. FAIRBANKS resided in the Central Village. He md. Oct. 27, 1836. Almira Fairbanks, dau. of Ithamar Fairbanks, *q. v.*; she d. Jan. 7, 1848. He md. (2d) Nov. 30, 1848, Charlotte E. Brown, dau. of Joel and Lucy (Stearns) Brown of Lowell. He d. March 1, 1886.

- 35 I. *Charles Lewis*, b. Dec. 12, 1839; md. Aug. 30, 1866, S. Augusta Deane, b. Feb. 3, 1839, dau. of Charles P. and Anna F. (Carter) Deane of Fitchburg. They reside in Fitchburg. For several years he was engaged in the Hardware and Iron trade, and now in the Coal trade.
 36 II. *Ellen Almira*, b. Oct. 16, 1841; md. April 8, 1868, Rodney King, b. March 26, 1837, son of Rodney King of Dover, Vt. They reside in Central Village.
 37 III. *Albert Willis*, b. Sept. 5, 1846; d. Aug. 10, 1847.
 38 IV. *Harriet Elizabeth*, b. Jan. 4, 1850; d. May 7, 1867.
 39 V. *Frank Everett*, b. Dec. 9, 1857; md. May 1, 1880, Z. Irene Warren, dau. of Thomas and Zilpah (Merritt) Warren of Whitingham, Vt. They reside in Fitchburg.
 40 VI. *Adalaide Ellsworth*, b. Aug. 1, 1861; graduated from Cushing Academy 1880; now bookkeeper for Wilbur F. Whitney.

41 EMORY FAIRBANKS, son of Dea. Noah and Hannah (Whitcomb) Fairbanks of Gardner, was b. in Harvard May 15, 1800. He md. 1829, Eunice Haywood of Boxborough, and in the spring of 1830 he purchased the farm of Oliver Marble and removed to this town. He was a man of excellent character and was justly held in high esteem. He d. March 2, 1871; she d. Sept. 21, 1865.

- 42 I. *Emory Hayward*, b. Oct. 30, 1829; md. 1857, Julia Bacon of Sutton; md. (2d) 1864, Laura Coolidge of Sherburn; resides at Jamaica Plain. He is a jeweller.
 43 II. *Andrew Stevens*, b. Jan. 30, 1832; d. Aug. 12, 1835.
 44 III. *Francis Joel*, b. Sept. 8, 1835; md. May 1, 1865, Abbie S. Russell, dau. of Philemon Russell, *q. v.* He is a Congregational clergyman. *Vide* page 506. Five children.

- 45 iv. *James Henry*, b. May 15, 1837; md. 1861,
Josephine E. Brewer of Framingham. He is a
jeweller in Fitchburg.
- 46 v. *Eunice Elizabeth*, b. Feb. 14, 1839; md. 1857,
Hosea F. Lane of Templeton, son of Francis
Lane, Jr., *q. v.*
- 47 vi. *Joseph Whitcomb*, b. March 26, 1841; md. Jan. 1,
1869, Ellen Cutting of Templeton. *Vide* page
506. He is a tutor at St. Paul, Minn.
- 48 vii. *Susan Augusta*, b. April 14, 1843; md. Charles
E. Woodward, *q. v.*
- 49 viii. *Luey Ann*, b. Dec. 8, 1846; md. Jan. 9, 1875,
George N. Ells of Norwalk, Conn.
- 50 ix. *Laura Amelia*, b. Oct. 30, 1848; d. April 29,
1855.

51 ASAPH FAIRBANKS, a brother of Emory Fairbanks, was
b. March 3, 1804. He md. Hannah Whitcomb of Box-
borough, and removed to this town about 1830, where he
continued to reside until 1837, when he removed to Shel-
burne Falls, and subsequently to Iowa, where he d. Nov.
12, 1855. Three children.

- 52 i. *Asaph Waldo*.
- 53 ii. *Joel Whitcomb*.
- 54 iii. *Martha Malvina*.

55 JOEL FAIRBANKS, a brother of Emory and Asaph Fair-
banks, was b. in Gardner, July 17, 1814. He md. Esther
Leland. He resided in Ashburnham several years. He
was a mechanic and for a few years he was engaged in
the manufacture of chairs. He now resides in Templeton.
No children.

56 ITHAMAR FAIRBANKS, b. March 2, 1767, md. Jerusha
Williams, b. Feb. 22, 1769. He was not closely allied in
kinship to the other families of Fairbanks in this town.
They removed to Ashburnham with four children in 1795.
He lived in the west part of the town. About 1813 he
removed to Fitchburg where he d. Sept. 20, 1847. She
d. Aug. 28, 1847.

- 57 i. *Sally Williams*, b. Aug. 7, 1789.
- 58 ii. *Jerusha Williams*, b. Nov. 21, 1790. .
- 59 iii. *Sophia*, b. April 4, 1793.
- 60 iv. *Ebenezer Williams*, b. Dec. 16, 1794; d. in Dalton,
Nov. 9, 1869.
- 61 v. *Mary Curtis*, b. Sept. 16, 1796.

- 62 VI. *Elijah Williams*, b. Dec., 1797; d. July 13, 1799.
 63 VII. *Eliza*, b. Oct. 19, 1799; d. Aug. 1, 1818.
 64 VIII. *Elijah Williams*, b. March 16, 1801; d. in Day-
 ton, O., June 2, 1871.
 65 IX. *Moses*, b. June 28, 1803; d. in Fitchburg July 23,
 1874.
 66 X. *Joseph Warren*, b. Aug. 13, 1805; d. Feb. 10, 1827.
 67 XI. *Charles Lewis*, b. Jan. 15, 1808; d. in Utica, N.
 Y., July 25, 1843.
 68 XII. *Almira*, b. Nov. 15, 1810; md. Seth P. Fair-
 banks, *q. v.*

- 1 JOHN FARRAR, b. April 15, 1784, son of Jacob Farrar
 of Concord, md. Dec. 20, 1810, Calle Stearns, dau. of
 William Stearns, *q. v.*; she d. March 26, 1843, leaving
 eight children; he md. (2d) March 13, 1844, Lucy
 Houghton, dau. of Robert and Sarah (Jones) Houghton
 of Leominster and Winchendon. He resided several
 years in this town, in Stoddard, N. H., and in Winchen-
 don where he d. Jan. 25, 1859.
- 2 I. *Eliza Caroline*, b. Oct. 21, 1811; md. June 25,
 1825, Oliver Brooks, son of Stephen Brooks;
 reside in Denmark, Iowa.
- 3 II. *George L.*, b. Oct. 3, 1813; md. June 5, 1838,
 Sophronia M. George; resided in Winchendon;
 d. April 13, 1882.
- 4 III. *Charlotte*, b. Nov. 27, 1816; md. Henry Tuck-
 erman, *q. v.*
- 5 IV. *Roxanna*, b. April 18, 1821; md. April 14, 1840;
 md. (2d) April 21, 1842, Abraham Bowden;
 lived in Lowell; she resides, his widow, in Den-
 mark, Iowa.
- 6 V. *Maria*, b. Sept. 16, 1823; md. Aug. 28, 1845,
 Ezekiel Bartlett; he d. Oct. 3, 1851; md. (2d)
 Nov. 15, 1853, Amasa Mills, who d. May 13,
 1854; md. (3d) July 23, 1857, Rev. Oliver
 Emerson, who d. Nov. 10, 1863; she resides at
 Grinnell, Iowa.
- 7 VI. *Susan*, b. June 24, 1826; md. Sept. 30, 1846,
 Eliphalet S. Wood, *q. v.*
- 8 VII. *Lydia*, b. Sept. 28, 1828; md. July 1, 1852,
 George L. Beals, *q. v.*
- 9 VIII. *Calla*, b. Oct. 8, 1830; md. Edwin H. Ely; resides
 in Cleveland, Ohio.

- 1 ABEL FARWELL, son of Dea. Abel Farwell of Fitch-
 burg, resided in this town nearly twenty years. He md.
 Aug. 27, 1835, Myra Ward, dau. of Caleb Ward, *q. v.*;
 removed to Fitchburg.

- 2 I. *Abel Stephen*, b. Jan. 8, 1836; md. *Elsie A. Howe*, dau. of Addison Howe, *q. v.*; resides in Fitchburg.
 - 3 II. *Elizabeth Davis*, b. May 26, 1837.
 - 4 III. *Ivers Warren*, b. Jan. 26, 1839; is in Montana Territory.
 - 5 IV. *George Goodyear*, b. Nov. 7, 1840; d. in the civil war.
 - 6 V. *Levi Caleb*, b. April 11, 1843.
 - 7 VI. *Samuel Ward*, b. May 31, 1845.
 - 8 VII. *Austin*.
 - 9 VIII. *Lelia*.
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1 DEA. SAMUEL FELLOWS removed from Harvard to this town in 1762. He was much employed in town affairs, and beginning with the act of incorporation he was moderator of nearly every meeting while he remained in this town, and frequently was elected to other office. He was a deacon of the church, and receives honorable mention in the civil and ecclesiastical records. The name of his wife was Eunice. He removed to Shelburne 1772. Their nine children were b. in Harvard.

- 2 I. *Eunice*, b. May 26, 1736; md. Daniel Merrill, *q. v.*
 - 3 II. *Samuel*, b. Feb. 13, 1739. Came to Ashburnham with his father; with wife Mary he removed to Shelburne 1771.
 - 4 III. *Joseph*, b. May 27, 1748.
 - 5 IV. *Thomas*, b. Oct. 13, 1750.
 - 6 V. *Sarah* (twin), b. Oct. 13, 1750; md. Jeremiah Foster, Jr., *q. v.*
 - 7 VI. *John*, b. May 11, 175-; record defaced.
 - 8 VII. *William*, b. Oct. 5, 1758.
 - 9 VIII. *Willis* (twin), b. Oct. 5, 1758.
 - 10 IX. *Solomon*, b. Dec. 5, 1760.
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1 JOHN FINAN, a native of Staffordshire, Eng., md. Rosena Hare, dau. of Patrick Hare, and came to Ashburnham 1850. He served a year and a half in First Regiment of Cavalry. Six children were b. in this town.

- 2 I. *John*, b. June 9, 1853; md. Mary J. Eggleston; resides in Leominster.
- 3 II. *James*, b. Feb. 11, 1856; resides in Ashburnham.
- 4 III. *Thomas*, b. Feb. 7, 1858; resides in Boston.
- 5 IV. *Mary Ann*, b. March 31, 1860.
- 6 V. *Elizabeth*, b. May 31, 1862.
- 7 VI. *George*, b. July 7, 1864; resides in Ashburnham.

FISHER.

There were two or three families of Fishers in this town near the close of the past century. The name occurs a number of times in the records of the choice of town officers. The births of their children are not recorded and little information can be gleaned of them. The wife of John Kiblinger, Jr., was Betty Fisher.

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| 1 | LEVI FISHER md. June 2, 1777, Rebecca Wheeler of Templeton. Rebecca at the time of marriage had a son from which it is inferred she was a widow. They left town a few years later. |
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| 2 | TIMOTHY FISHER resided here several years and removed immediately preceding 1787. There is no record of his marriage. Three children were bap. |
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| 3 | I. Timothy, bap. May 3, 1779. |
| 4 | II. George, bap. May 20, 1781. |
| 5 | III. Asa, bap. June 6, 1784. |
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FLETCHER.

The common ancestor of the Fletcher families of Ashburnham was Robert Fletcher an English emigrant who settled in Concord 1630. He was a wealthy and influential citizen. He d. at the age of 85 years April 3, 1677. William Fletcher, the second of the five children of Robert, was b. in England 1622, and was admitted freeman May 10, 1643. He md. Oct. 7, 1645, Lydia Bates, and in 1653 he removed to Chelmsford, becoming one of the early settlers of that place. He acquired a large tract of real estate including a large part of the city of Lowell. He d. Nov. 6, 1677; his widow d. Oct. 12, 1704. He left eight children of whom the eldest son was Joshua Fletcher, b. March 30, 1648, admitted freeman March 11, 1689. He md. May 4, 1668, Grissies Jewell; she d. Jan. 16, 1682; he md. (2d) July 18, 1682, Sarah Willey. He lived in Chelmsford, where he d. Nov. 21, 1713. Paul Fletcher, a son of Joshua and Grissies (Jewell) Fletcher, was b. about 1681; resided in Chelmsford and served in the Indian War in 1724. Ebenezer Fletcher, youngest son of Paul, md. Aug. 8, 1754, Joanna Stearns, b. July 29, 1724, dau. of Lieut. John and Esther (Johnson) Stearns of Billerica. He removed to Westford. Among his seven children is Josiah Fletcher who is number 1 in the following register.

Another son of Joshua Fletcher by his second wife, Sarah Willey, was Capt. Joseph Fletcher who was b. in Chelmsford June 10, 1689. He md. Nov. 17, 1712, Sarah Adams of Concord. He resided in Westford and was a man of influence and held in high esteem. He d. Oct. 4, 1772. Among the ten children of Capt. Joseph Fletcher was Capt. Pelatiah who was b. in Westford May 3, 1727. He md. Jan. 13, 1757, Dorothy Hildreth, dau. of James and Dorothy Hildreth of Westford; she d. June 14, 1782, and he md. (2d) Betty (Hartwell) Keyes. He d. in Westford Feb. 23, 1807. Pelatiah, the sixth of the twelve children of Capt. Pelatiah and Dorothy (Hildreth) Fletcher, became a resident of Ashburnham and is number 11 in the following register.

Dea. Joshua Fletcher, a brother of Capt. Pelatiah and a son of Capt. Joseph Fletcher, was b. Nov. 20, 1731. He md. 1755, Elizabeth Raymond and resided in Westford. He d. June 10, 1783. Among their nine children

as Joshua Fletcher who removed to Ashburnham and is number 23 in the following register, and Patty the wife of Grant Houston. Another son of ea. Joshua and Elizabeth (Raymond) Fletcher was Lyman Fletcher who d. 1794, Lois Gates, dau. of Henry Gates, and resided a short time in is town.

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| 1 | JOSIAH FLETCHER, b. July 7, 1757, son of Ebenezer and Joanna (Stearns) Fletcher. md. April 9, 1786, Abigail Fletcher and the same year removed to the southeast part of this town, where he resided until his death Feb. 6, 1817. His widow was a resident of this town in 1823. Eight children. |
| 2 | 1. <i>Joshua</i> , b. Jan. 31, 1787; d. Oct. 2, 1794. |
| 3 | II. <i>Josiah</i> , b. Dec. 20, 1788; md. Sept. 19, 1815, Deborah Cushing, dau. of David Cushing, q. v. They removed from this town previous to 1820. One child was b. in Ashburnham. |
| 4 | 1. Deborah Maria. b. July 7, 1816. |
| 5 | III. <i>Elizabeth</i> , b. April 20, 1791; md. April 24, 1816, Joshua Fletcher Reed. They buried a child in this town 1818 and another 1819. The date of his death is unknown. She md. (2d) 1823, John Fenno of Rindge. |
| 6 | IV. <i>Timothy</i> , b. Feb. 9, 1794; md. Jan., 1819, Cynthia Parker of New Ipswich. They resided a short time in this town. An infant d. Nov. 21, 1819. |
| 7 | V. <i>Joshua</i> , b. March 7, 1796. |
| 8 | VI. <i>Isaac</i> , b. June 4, 1798. |
| 9 | VII. <i>Infant</i> , b. 1800; d. Aug. 19, 1801. |
| 10 | VIII. <i>Abigail</i> , b. July 17, 1802; md. Dec. 6, 1817. Salmon Snow; she md. (2d) 1821, Aaron Barton of New Ipswich. |
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| 11 | PELATIAH FLETCHER, son of Capt. Pelatiah and Dorothy (Hildreth) Fletcher, was b. April 4, 1767; he md. Dec. 5, 1785, Patty Keyes, dau. of Jonathan Keyes of Westford; she d. Dec. 9, 1786. At this date he removed to this town; he md. (2d) Sept. 22, 1788, Sally Woodward of Westford and after a residence in this town of about ten years he removed to Groton; he md. (3d) June 2, 1803, widow Beulah (Buttrick) Heywood, widow of Levi Heywood of Winchendon. He d. in Westford May 7, 1811; she d. May 18, 1814. In this family were eleven children who have filled honorable positions in life. Except in childhood none have resided in this town. |
| 12 | I. <i>Joel</i> , b. Feb. 23, 1786. |

- 13 II. *Patty*, b. June 28, 1789; md. April 9, 1807, *Jacob Osgood*, b. in Westford 1787, son of Col. Benjamin and Tryphena (Cummings) Osgood. They resided in Westford and among their children was *Patty Osgood*, wife of Samuel S. Stevens, *q. v.*
- 14 III. *Sally* (twin), b. June 28, 1789.
- 15 IV. *Wiley*, b. Feb. 7, 1791.
- 16 V. *Samuel*, b. March 2, 1792.
- 17 VI. *Timothy*, b. Nov. 28, 1795; lived in Charlestown.
- 18 VII. *Calvin*, b. Feb. 20, 1797; lived in Groton.
- 19 VIII. *Harriet*, b. July 31, 1800; md. Nathan S. Hamblin.
- 20 IX. *Mary*, b. June 25, 1803; md. Thomas Richardson.
- 21 X. *Pelaticah*, b. June 27, 1804.
- 22 XI. *Lucy*, b. Sept. 10, 1806; md. Abel Stevens.
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- 23 JOSHUA FLETCHER, son of Joshua and Elizabeth (Raymond) Fletcher, was b. in Westford Feb. 22, 1760. While a resident of his native town he was a soldier in the Revolution. *Vide* page 208. He md. April 20, 1815, *Lucy Jones*, dau. of Enos Jones, *q. v.*, and soon after that date he removed to Ashburnham, where he resided until his death April 14, 1843. His widow d. in Rindge Dec. 21, 1850.
- 24 I. *Mary E.*, b. May 1, 1816; md. April 18, 1844, Dea. Joseph Wetherbee, *q. v.*
- 25 II. *Hannah*, b. Nov. 16, 1817; d. Oct. 1, 1839.
- 26 III. *Joshua*, b. Aug. 27, 1820; md. April 24, 1846, *Emeline Stimson*, dau. of Edward Stimson, *q. v.* She d. Sept. 16, 1847, leaving a dau. who d. young. He md. (2d) April 14, 1852, *Mrs. Frances (Partridge) Sampson*. She d. May 13, 1876; he md. (3d) Jan. 25, 1881, *Mrs. Delia A. (West) Cross of Bradford, N. H.* He is a farmer, resided in Rindge until 1882, when he removed to Jaffrey, N. H. Eight children were b. in Rindge.
- 27 1. *Emeline F.*, b. Jan. 15, 1853; d. March 18, 1854.
- 28 2. *Arthur J.*, b. Feb. 22, 1855; d. April 27, 1855.
- 29 3. *Ada Maria*, b. June 24, 1856; md. Charles D. Ellis, son of Daniels Ellis, *q. v.*
- 30 4. *Walter Irving*, b. Jan. 28, 1858; md. Nov. 2, 1881, *Agnes Washburn of Natick*.
- 31 5. *Winslow Ordway*, b. March 15, 1859; md. May 31, 1886, *Etta Elliot (Lawrence 71)*.

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| 32 | 6. William Frederick, b. June 9, 1861. |
| 33 | 7. Myrtilla Ines, b. Feb. 4, 1864, a teacher in the public schools of Ashburnham. |
| 34 | 8. Edwin C., b. Aug. 25, 1866. |

1 EBENEZER FLINT, son of Edmund and Abigail (Damon) Flint, was b. in Ashby May 31, 1788. He was a farmer and resided in this town from 1813 until his death Dec. 3, 1835. He md. Jan. 12, 1813, Emma Wilder, b. Aug. 5, 1793, dau. of Samuel and Hannah (Lasel) Wilder of Hingham. She was a niece of the wife of Thomas Hobart; she d. Nov. 25, 1856.

2 I. *Emma H.*, b. March 11, 1814; md. Charles H. Barrett, *q. v.*

3 EDWARD S. FLINT, son of Thomas and Betsey (Keyes) Flint of Westford and a grandson of Henry Flint of Carlisle, was b. in Westford Sept. 2, 1817. For many years he was engaged in the manufacture of chairs at South Ashburnham. He is one of the Board of Selectmen and in 1855 he represented the district in the Legislature. He md. June 5, 1845, Betsey C. Glazier, dau. of John C. Glazier, *q. v.*

4 I. *Mary Elizabeth*, b. Jan. 13, 1847; d. March 7, 1852.

5 II. *Julia Evangeline*, b. June 3, 1862; d. Sept. 25, 1863.

6 III. *Helen Eliece*, b. Dec. 2, 1865.

FOSTER.

The numerous families of Foster in Ashburnham, whose names appear in the following record, are descended from Reginald Foster, an English emigrant, who settled in Ipswich about 1638 and was one of the earliest inhabitants of that town. His name occasionally appears in the early records and in a connection that presents him as an active and useful citizen who bore a full share of the burdens of the settlement. In 1645 he was a subscriber to the fund for the payment of Maj. Dennison who was in command of the military force of that vicinity. In 1652 the settlement granted Reginald Foster and Thomas Clark £10 "for cutting a passage from this river into Chebacco river of ten feet wide and soe deepe as a lighter may pass through laden." In 1658 for £50 he bought of Roger Preston a considerable tract of land with buildings. The name of his wife was Judith; their five sons and two daughters were b. in England. His wife d. 1664 and the following year he md. Sarah Martin, widow of John Martin. The date of his death is not known, but his will was probated June 9, 1681. Jacob Foster, son of Reginald, was b. in England 1635. He resided in Ipswich and was a deacon of the church. He md. Jan. 12, 1658-9, Martha Kinsman who d. Oct. 15, 1666; he md. (2d) Feb. 26, 1666-7, Abigail Lord, dau. of Robert and Mary (Wait) Lord, who survived him and d. June 4, 1729; he d.

June 9, 1710. His grave in Ipswich is marked by a stone monument. There were five children by the first and nine by the second marriage. Abraham Foster, the sixth child and the eldest child by the second marriage, was b. in Ipswich Dec. 4, 1667; by his first wife Abigail who d. Oct. 8, 1732, there were nine children. He was a carpenter in Ipswich, where he d. Dec. 25, 1720-1.

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- 1 JEREMIAH FOSTER, a son of Abraham and Abigail Foster and of the fourth generation from Reginald Foster the emigrant, was b. in Ipswich about 1710. In this line of descent he was the first to leave the town of Ipswich the home of his ancestors. He md. 1735. Ruth Metcalf, and in 1743 he removed to Harvard and ten years later he settled in Ashburnham on land west of Lake Naukeag still known as Foster Hill. *Vide* page 91. He was a man of exemplary character, reserved in manner, industrious, honest, a kind neighbor and an excellent citizen. He d. Dec. 12, 1788; his wife d. Feb. 6, 1776. Four children b. in Ipswich and two in Harvard.

- 2 I. *Jeremiah*, bap. Aug. 8, 1736; d. young.
 3 II. *Abigail*, bap. Feb. 17, 1737-8.
 4 III. *Jeremiah*, bap. Jan. 6, 1739-40. +
 5 IV. *Samuel*, bap. Jan. 8, 1741-2. +
 6 V. *Judith*, b. March 15, 1747; md. Dr. Peter Brooks,
 q. v.
 7 VI. *Rebecca*, b. Oct. 20, 1750; md. Caleb Ward, *q. v.*

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- (4) JEREMIAH FOSTER, JR., md. Oct. 29, 1765, Sarah Fellows, dau. of Dea. Samuel Fellows, *q. v.* They resided in Ashburnham until 1773, when they removed to Shelburne. Three children were b. in this town.

- 8 I. *Sarah*, b. Aug. 10, 1766.
 9 II. *Amos*, b. Oct. 13, 1768.
 10 III. *Nathan*, b. Nov. 27, 1771.

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- (5) SAMUEL FOSTER was a worthy and influential citizen. His name is frequently and honorably named in the records, and many incidents in his life may be gleaned from the early part of this volume. He md. July 6, 1769, Susanna Wood, b. April 14, 1750, dau. of Bennett and Lydia (Law) Wood of Littleton, and a sister of the wife of Capt. Deliverance Davis. He d., says Mr. Cushing, "of bilious colic terminating in a fever," April 15, 1793; she d. Oct. 31, 1839.

- 11 I. *Abraham*, b. April 8, 1770. +
 12 II. *Nathaniel*, b. Dec. 26, 1771. +

- 13 III. *Jeremiah Bennett*, b. Oct. 11, 1773; resided in this town; d. unmd. Aug. 3, 1846.
- 14 IV. *Samuel*, b. Feb. 9, 1776. +
- 15 V. *Hosea*, b. Aug. 1, 1778; md. Dec. 8, 1803, Molly Joslin, and removed to Verona, N. Y. He d. Feb. 23, 1855. Four children.
- 16 VI. *Joel*, b. Aug. 21, 1780. +
- 17 VII. *Amos*, b. Nov. 16, 1782; d. unmd. Sept. 21, 1812.
- 18 VIII. *Obadiah*, b. Oct. 25, 1786. July 15, 1809, his intentions of marriage to Deborah Willard were published. He d. July 24, 1809.
- 19 IX. *Susanna*, b. Sept. 25, 1789; md. Francis Lane, Jr., *q. v.*
- 20 X. *Dorothy*, b. Nov. 25, 1793; md. Ezekiel Metcalf, *q. v.*

- (11) ABRAHAM FOSTER, son of Samuel, md. Jan. 26, 1792, Sarah Willard, dau. of Dea. John Willard. He was a blacksmith and a farmer, residing where Michael Coughlin now resides. His wife d. July 24, 1831; he md. (2d) Jan. 1, 1837, Mary T. Davis, dau. of Ebenezer Bennett Davis. He d. Nov., 1837; his widow d. April 29, 1853.

- 21 I. *Sarah*, b. Oct. 17, 1792.
- 22 II. *John W.*, b. May 12, 1794.
- 23 III. *Abigail*, b. July 6, 1796.
- 24 IV. *Lucinda*, b. June 9, 1798.
- 25 V. *Sophia*, b. Sept. 21, 1800.
- 26 VI. *Abraham*, b. July 14, 1802.
- 27 VII. *Harriet Willard*, b. June 16, 1805.
- 28 VIII. *Elijah Willard*, b. Oct. 8, 1807; md. Tryphena Lovewell, and resided in Gardner. Eight children.
- 29 IX. *Mary J.*, b. June 20, 1810.

- (12) NATHANIEL FOSTER, son of Samuel, md. Jan. 11, 1795, Hepsibeth Cutting, dau. of Samuel Cutting, *q. v.* He was a farmer in the northwest part of the town and conducted a saw-mill. Until the death of another Nathaniel Foster, he was styled Nathaniel Foster, Jr. He d. Sept. 30, 1826.

- 30 I. *Rhoda*, b. Dec. 15, 1795; md. Nov. 23, 1820, Asa Smith of Gardner. She d. Oct. 30, 1821, leaving a son.
- 31 1. *Asa F.*, b. Oct. 20, 1821; md. Fidelia Jackson.

- 32 II. *Hepsibeth*, b. Oct. 13, 1797; d. Dec. 14, 1809.
 33 III. *Samuel*, b. July 28, 1799. +
 34 IV. *Emma*, b. Sept. 3, 1801; d. young.
 35 V. *Emma*, b. Dec. 29, 1803; md. Thomas Bennett,
q. v.
 36 VI. *Eunice*, b. ———; md. Henry Carter of Leom-
 inster; four children.
 37 VII. *Nancy*, b. ———; md. Metaphor Kendall of Leom-
 inster; she d. 1843, leaving five children.
 38 VIII. *Mary*, b. 1807; md. Stillman D. Benjamin,
q. v.
 39 IX. *Adaline*, b. Sept. 30, 1809; md. Sept. 11, 1832,
 Albert Lamb of Leominster.
 40 X. *Elvira F.*, b. ———; md. Stephen Dodge of
 Leominster.
 41 XI. *Leonard*, b. April 14, 1814. +
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- (14) SAMUEL FOSTER, son of Samuel, md. Feb. 5, 1799,
 Lydia Stearns, dau. of William Stearns, *q. v.*, and the
 same year he removed to Stoddard, N. H. He was a
 blacksmith and a farmer. He d. April 24, 1868; she d.
 July 1, 1867.
- 42 I. *Stearns*, b. Dec. 26, 1799; md. Feb. 3, 1825,
 Cynthia Willson of Stoddard; she d. July 9,
 1844; he md. (2d) Dec. 3, 1845, Mary Fuller
 of Hancock, N. H. He resided in Stoddard
 until 1860, when he removed to Keene, N. H.,
 where he d. Aug. 23, 1882. Seven children.
- 43 II. *Lydia*, b. Aug. 22, 1801; md. Nov. 24, 1824,
 Dea. Luke Joslin, son of David and Rebecca
 (Richardson) Joslin of Stoddard, and grandson
 of John and Susannah (Carter) Joslin of Leom-
 inster. Dea. Joslin, in 1855, removed to
 Keene, N. H., where he d. June 3, 1875. Three
 children.
- 44 III. *Maria*, b. April 29, 1804; md. Nov. 4, 1823,
 Stephen Wood of Hancock, N. H.; he d. April
 30, 1874.
- 45 IV. *Hosea*, b. April 13, 1806; md. Nov. 7, 1833,
 Mary G. Rice, dau. of Peter and Sally (Moore)
 Rice of Stoddard, N. H.; he resided in Stod-
 dard, N. H., until 1868, when he removed to
 Keene, N. H., where he d. by accident, Feb. 7,
 1872. Six children.
- 46 V. *Selina*, b. July 5, 1809; md. Feb. 16, 1830, Mark
 Bowers of Hancock, N. H. Seven children.
 Rev. Albert Bowers, formerly pastor Congrega-

- tional church, Huntington, W. Va., now of Ruggles, O., and George Bowers, D. D. S., of Nashua, N. H., are their sons.
- 47 vi. *Emily*, b. Dec. 19, 1811; md. Oct. 10, 1833, Dea. Edward Hayward of Hancock. They removed 1869 to Keene, N. H., and subsequently to Hyde Park, to reside with their children. He d. Nov. 6, 1883. Seven children.
- 48 vii. *Samuel*, b. Nov. 29, 1815; md. Nov. 5, 1845, Mary S. Palmer. He d. in Boston, Aug. 5, 1850; she d. Sept. 25, 1846.
- 49 viii. *Electa*, b. Nov. 10, 1817; d. Dec. 25, 1818.
- 50 ix. *Electa*, b. June 10, 1825; md. July 15, 1850, James Downing, son of James and Lydia (Ayers) Downing of Marlow, N. H. Four children.
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- (16) JOEL FOSTER, son of Samuel, was a valuable citizen. He was in town office several years and ably and faithfully discharged every trust. He md. 1805, Dolly Wetherbee of Boxboro', b. Feb. 21, 1774; she d. May 23, 1838; he md. (2d) April 23, 1839, Ruth Fuller, widow of Benjamin Fuller. He d. Sept. 6, 1859; she d. April 3, 1850, aged 76 years.
- 51 i. *Harriet*, b. Sept. 10, 1806; md. April 1, 1830, James Hayward of Ashby; she d. April 10, 1839; he md. (2d) Melinda Corey, *q. v.*
- 52 ii. *Joel*, b. July 15, 1808; d. March 31, 1814.
- 53 iii. *Jerome W.*, b. Dec. 15, 1810. +
- 54 iv. *Dorothy*, b. Sept. 6, 1813; md. June 12, 1833, Lewis G. Houghton, b. April 12, 1804, son of Elijah and Sarah Houghton of Ashby. She d. Dec. 31, 1863.
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- (33) SAMUEL FOSTER, son of Nathaniel. md. Dec. 15, 1825, Emeline Kibling, dau. of John Kibling, *q. v.* They resided in this town and in Fitchburg. They d. in Fitchburg.
- 55 i. *Sarah A.*, b. March 27, 1827.
- 56 ii. *Charles S.*, b. June 6, 1828.
- 57 iii. *Leonard G.*, b. Aug. 26, 1837.
- 58 iv. *Ellen*.
- 59 v. *Edwin*.
- 60 vi. *George*.
- 61 vii. *Louisa*.

- (41) LEONARD FOSTER, son of Nathaniel, resides in the northwest part of the town. For many years he has been actively engaged in the manufacture of lumber and has frequently been chosen to positions in town affairs. He md. April 18, 1838, Melvina Lawrence, dau. of Capt. Moses Lawrence, *q. v.* She d. Aug. 28, 1848; md. (2d) 1850, Clarissa Cole; md. (3d) 1862, Sarah Howard.
- 62 I. Waldo A., b. Oct. 6, 1841; md. Dec. 31, 1870, H. Elizabeth Chandler. He was in the employ of the Fitchburg Railroad several years. Resides in Fitchburg.
- 63 II. Jennie A., b. Sept. 6, 1839; md. Webster Maynard of Winchendon; she d. July 16, 1861.
- 64 III. Emma L., b. Oct. 7, 1847; drowned June 14, 1850.
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- (53) JEROME W. FOSTER, Esq., son of Joel, during a useful life was prominent in town affairs and highly esteemed by the community. *Vide* page 485 and lists of town officers. He md. April 23, 1834, Mary Colson, dau. of George and Nancy (Aldrich) Colson. He d. March 23, 1871.
- 65 I. George C., b. Jan 21, 1835. +
- 66 II. Mary C., b. March 12, 1838; md. Feb. 9, 1858, Josiah P. Sawtell, *q. v.*
- 67 III. Jerome, b. Nov. 5, 1839; d. April 5, 1841.
- 68 IV. Harriet M., b. July 28, 1843; md. July 1, 1875, Goldsburg H. Pond, son of Goldsburg and Julia Ann (Harden) Pond of Franklin, Mass.
- 69 V. Susan R., b. Nov. 5, 1844; d. Aug. 14, 1866.
- 70 VI. C. Lucretia, b. June 1, 1846; resides unmd. in Ashburnham.
- 71 VII. Ella J., b. Nov. 11, 1847; d. May 29, 1861.
- 72 VIII. D. Josephine, b. Dec. 26, 1849; d. Nov. 18, 1869.
- 73 IX. Emma D., b. Feb. 6, 1852; d. Sept. 14, 1852.
- 74 X. Emma, b. June 15, 1853; d. Sept. 7, 1861.
- 75 XI. Jerome, b. June 5, 1856; d. Oct. 29, 1856.
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- (65) GEORGE C. FOSTER resides in Ashburnham. He is proprietor of a livery stable and a farmer, and an active, useful citizen. He md. Aug. 10, 1856, Sarah E. Bemis, dau. of William Bemis, *q. v.*
- 76 I. Charles W., b. May 16, 1858; resides unmd. in this town. He is of the sixth generation from Jeremiah and Ruth (Metcalf) Foster.
- 77 II. George O., b. June 17, 1862; d. Feb. 12, 1883.
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- 78 DEA. MOSES FOSTER is a prominent character in the early annals of Ashburnham. The date of his arrival

here is not accurately known. In 1750 the proprietors styled him "one of the first settlers." Those who came to the wilderness at this time found him improving a considerable clearing in the northeast part of the grant and in the present town of Ashby. In 1750 he removed to a lot east and adjoining the common and was there an innholder several years. In the records he is presented as an influential man and a prominent citizen. He was one of the thirteen original members and the first deacon of the church. After a prolonged search I am compelled to say that the place and date of his birth and record of his early life and marriage have not been found. I can only add that the name of his wife was Mary; she d. Nov. 11, 1777, "aged 70 to 80 years." He d. Oct. 17, 1785, "aged 94 years." The record of two children is imperfectly preserved.

- 79 1. *Moses*, b. ———; md. *Mary* ———; he lived in the northeast part of the grant and in company with *Zimri Heywood* he owned a mill. The site of this early mill is in Ashby. He removed in 1770 to Shelburne.
- 80 1. *Milicent*, b. May 1, 1758; d. Oct. 3, 1760.
- 81 2. *Sarah*, b. April 14, 1760.
- 82 3. *Kezia*, b. March 10, 1762.
- 83 4. *Phebe*, b. April 29, 1764; md. *Capt. David Merriam*, *q. v.*
- 84 5. *Esther*, b. Jan. 19, 1767.
- 85 6. *Brooks*, b. March 14, 1769.
- 86 7. *Moses*, b. in Shelburne; bap. in Ashburnham Dec. 29, 1771.
- 87 II. *Jane*, b. ———; md. June 5, 1756, *Zimri Heywood*, *q. v.*

88 *NATHANIEL FOSTER*, whose lineage has not been made certain, resided in this town twenty years immediately after the Revolution. His farm was near Ward pond in the northeast part of the town and probably west of it. His wife d. May 19, 1785; he md. (2d) Dec. 29, 1785, *Mary Kendall* of this town. He d. Oct. 12, 1804, aged, says *Mr. Cushing*, between 40 and 50 years.

- 89 1. *Mary*, b. Oct. 6, 1786.
- 90 II. *Rebecca*, b. Dec. 19, 1788.
- 91 III. *Lucy*, b. Aug. 12, 1791.
- 92 IV. *Catherine*, b. Dec. 9, 1793.
- 93 v. *Stephen*, b. Jan. 29, 1796; d. Feb. 12, 1796.

94 VI. *Nathaniel*, b. Feb. 22, 1797.

95 VII. *Joel*, b. June 9, 1801.

96 VIII. *Sarah*, b. Aug. 13, 1803.

1 JOEL FRENCH, a native of England, b. about 1760, with his family came to this country about 1806, and after a short residence in Weymouth, where he followed his trade as tailor, he removed to Ashburnham about 1818, and subsequently was a farmer. The youngest child b. during the voyage was named in compliment of the captain of the vessel. He d. March 29, 1829.

2 I. *Eliza*, b. 1798; md. John Pratt, *q. v.*

3 II. *Zethan*, b. 1802; md. in Ashburnham 1837. Phebe Ames; d. in Weathersfield, Vt., Nov. 25, 1884.

4 III. *Perez Drinkwater*, b. about 1806; d. in Reading, Vt., 1841.

FROST.

EDMUND FROST, with wife Thomasine, settled in Cambridge 1635. He was a ruling Elder of the church in Cambridge. His wife d. previous to 1669, and he md. (2d) widow Reana Daniel who survived him. He d. July 12, 1672. "leaving to his children the example of a godly life." Ephraim Frost, son of Edmund, the emigrant, resided in Cambridge where he d. Jan. 2, 1717-18, aged 72. By wife Hepsibah who survived him, he had five children; of these, Ebenezer Frost b. 1697, md. July 2, 1723, Deborah Martin. He was a currier and d. in Cambridge 1768, leaving three sons. The second of these, Ebenezer Frost, b. 1725, md. April 21, 1748, Naomi Dana, dau. of Thomas and Mary (Parker) Dana; about 1760 he removed to Rutland. Stephen Frost, son of Ebenezer and Naomi (Dana) Frost was b. in Rutland, and settled in Hubbardston. He md. Mary Warren of Brighton, and d. June 18, 1828; she d. May 31, 1851, aged 81 years. Their son Ebenezer, of the fifth generation, settled in Ashburnham.

1 EBENEZER FROST, son of Stephen and Mary (Warren) Frost, was b. in Hubbardston, Aug. 18, 1802. He removed to this town about 1823, and for many years he was an efficient and popular school teacher, and a farmer. He was an intelligent man, an active citizen, and his name frequently appears in the list of town officers. He md. Aug., 1828, Sally Sawin, dau. of Asa and Susannah (Grimes) Sawin, *q. v.* He d. Nov. 27, 1876; she d. Nov. 11, 1874.

2 I. *Spencer*, b. April 4, 1831; md. Sept., 1860, Mary R. Lamb of Westminster; he was in the service in the 53d Regiment and now resides, a farmer, in Arthur, Ill.

- 3 ii. *Mary Susan*, b. March 23, 1833; md. Nov., 1856, David Heald of Milford, N. H.; she d. Nov. 9, 1859.
 - 4 iii. *Charles H.*, b. July 6, 1835; resides in Arthur, Ill.
 - 5 iv. *Ellen R.*, b. March 27, 1838; md. 1862, Rinaldo H. Shattuck, son of Andrew and Rebecca (Green) Shattuck of Townsend. He enlisted on the quota of this town, and d. at Brashear, La., May 8, 1863; she md. (2d) 1875, George T. Samson, *q. v.*
 - 6 v. *Huldah E.*, b. Jan. 18, 1841; md. Jan. 6, 1864, William P. Heald of Milford, N. H.; she d. Nov. 15, 1866.
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7. JOHN FROST resided in this town from about 1778 to 1787. His early and subsequent history is unknown. The name of his wife was Mary, and three children were b. in this town.

- 8 i. *John*, b. Oct. 12, 1780.
 - 9 ii. *Joseph*, b. July 4, 1783.
 - 10 iii. *Hannah*, b. May 12, 1785.
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1 CHESTER B. GALE, b. in Barnard, Vt., Feb. 17, 1831; md. March 15, 1859, Lucy A. Godfrey, and removed to this town 1862. In Aug., 1862, he enlisted in 36th Infantry and served through the war. He is a farmer.

- 2 i. *Alice G.*, b. March 14, 1860; d. May 29, 1860.
 - 3 ii. *Alta E.*, b. June 30, 1862.
 - 4 iii. *Charles B.*, b. July 23, 1866.
 - 5 iv. *Clinton*, b. July 29, 1868; d. Aug. 28, 1868.
 - 6 v. *Fredddie C.*, b. May 8, 1871; d. Aug. 16, 1871.
 - 7 vi. *Edith A.*, b. Nov. 25, 1876.
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1 CAPT. JONATHAN GATES, with wife Elizabeth, and one or more children removed from Harvard to this town immediately preceding 1765. He was frequently elected to office and was a prominent citizen while he remained in this town. During the first three years of the Revolution he was a captain of the militia and several times he was in active service. *Vide* Chap. V, and list of town officers. Several children were bap., but the birth of none are on record. It is not certain that all the children are named in this register. The family removed from town soon after the Revolution.

- 2 i. *Jonathan*, b. in Harvard Sept. 27, 1762. In
1818 he was residing in Champion, N. Y. *Vide*
page 184.
- 3 ii. *Zaccheus*.
- 4 iii. *Ebenezer Shedd*.
- 5 iv. *John*.
- 6 v. *Henry*.
- 7 vi. *Sarah*, b. 1776.
- 8 vii. *Freedom*, b. 1778.
- 9 viii. *Thankful Fletcher*, b. 1780.

- 10 HENRY GATES, by a tradition a brother of Capt. Jona-
than, with wife Lois, came to this town previous to 1770.
He was a soldier in the Revolution. He settled on the
Howard farm, and remained in this town during life. He
d. Nov. 11, 1807; his widow d. Jan. 16, 1812.

- 11 i. *Hannah*, b. 1770.
- 12 ii. *Lois*, b. 1771; md. Lyman Fletcher, *q. v.*
- 13 iii. *Molly Shedd*, b. 1773; md. Joseph Davis, son of
Amos Davis, *q. v.*
- 14 iv. *Henry*, b. 1775. +
- 15 v. *Hosea*, b. 1777; d. in Stow March 24, 1835.
- 16 vi. *Persis*, b. April 16, 1779; md. Edward Maynard,
q. v.
- 17 vii. *William*, b. Oct. 13, 1782. +
- 18 viii. *Jonathan*, b. 1786.

- (14) HENRY GATES md. Aug. 10. 1796, Prudence Priest;
she d. Feb. 5, 1808; md. (2d) 1809. Ruth Lawrence of
Mason, N. H. He d. in this town Jan. 27, 1856. His
death is recorded William Gates, and the death noted on
page 552 refers to this Henry Gates.

- 19 i. *Candace*, b. Feb. 9, 1797.
- 20 ii. *Artemas*, b. Sept. 6, 1798.
- 21 iii. *Mary*, b. Feb. 19. 1805.
- 22 iv. *Louisa Whitcomb*, b. March 2, 1807.
- 23 v. *Eveline*, b. Feb. 15, 1810.
- 24 vi. *Sarah Lawrence*, b. April 21, 1811.

- (17) WILLIAM GATES md. Sept. 6, 1807. Betsey Hosley of
Hancock, N. H. They resided in Westminster from
1814 to 1818 and subsequently in this town. He d. Dec.
7, 1844; she d. Aug. 22, 1872.

- 25 i. *William*, b. Oct. 28, 1809; md. Aug. 29, 1837,

- 26 Betsey Hosley of Jamaica, Vt. He d. in New
27 Fane, Vt., 1881.
 ii. *David*, b. Nov. 8, 1812; d. Sept. 17, 1814.
 iii. *Sally*, b. Aug. 11, 1814; md. Hezekiah Matthews,
 q. v.
28 iv. *Mary*, b. March 7, 1816; md. Ivers Burgess, *q. v.*
29 v. *Elizabeth*, b. April 25, 1818; md. Jesse Parker,
 q. v.

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- 30 JOHN GATES, probably a brother of Capt. Jonathan and
 Henry, came to this town about 1770. He md. 1773,
 Catherine Coolidge, dau. of Elisha Coolidge. *q. v.*, and
 resided, a farmer, in this town.
- 31 i. *Catherine*, b. Sept. 15, 1773; md. Melzer Hudson,
 q. v.
32 ii. *Levi*, b. Aug. 27, 1775.
33 iii. *Lucy*, b. Sept. 5, 1778; md. Luther Brooks, *q. v.*
34 iv. *Betty*, b. Dec. 18, 1780; md. Dec. 27, 1801,
 Josiah Wheeler, b. in Westminster Dec. 31,
 1781, son of Josiah and Lucy (Graves) Wheeler;
 md. (2d) Joseph Merriam, Jr., *q. v.*
35 v. *John*, b. March 28, 1783. +
36 vi. *Sally*, b. April 7, 1785.
37 vii. *Ezra*, b. July 26, 1787. No record of marriage;
 a child was buried in this town 1817, but he was
 not taxed that year.
- 38 viii. *Amos*, b. May 22, 1790; d. July 4, 1794.
39 ix. *Nancy*, b. March 18, 1792; d. Dec. 13, 1796.
40 x. *Asa*, b. Feb. 18, 1794; d. Feb. 19, 1794.
41 xi. *Amy*, b. May 4, 1795; md. Dec. 12, 1815, Samuel
 Beal, son of John and Lydia (Holman) Beal of
 Chesterfield, N. H. They resided in Chesterfield,
 where she d. May 23, 1854. He d. Dec. 5,
 1870. Nine children.
- 42 xii. *Loring*, b. Sept. 30, 1797; md. 1819, Nancy
 Adams, dau. of James Adams, *q. v.* They
 removed to Harford, Penn.

(35) JOHN GATES md. 1808, Lucy Pierce of Gardner.

- 43 i. *Nancy*, b. Jan. 13, 1809.
44 ii. *Alfred*, b. Aug. 10, 1810.
45 iii. *Lucy*, b. June 15, 1812.
46 iv. *John*, b. May 13, 1814.
47 v. *Ezra*, b. Nov. 18, 1816.
48 vi. *Warren*, b. April 7, 1819.

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- 49 EVERETT GATES, b. Sept. 11, 1798, son of Isaiah and
Susannah (Hapgood) Gates of Stow, md. Jan. 30, 1822,
Chloe Constantine, dau. of Jacob Constantine, *q. v.* He
was a farmer and on a farm in Ashby adjoining this town.
He d. April 20, 1860; his widow resides on the homestead
with memory unimpaired.
- 50 I. *John L.*, b. Nov. 3, 1822; d. June 12, 1829.
51 II. *Charles E.*, b. Feb. 16, 1825; d. unmd. Oct. 23,
1864.
- 52 III. *James L.*, b. May 3, 1827; d. June 16, 1829.
53 IV. *Jacob P.*, b. April 20, 1829. +
54 V. *George O.*, b. May 8, 1832; d. March 24, 1839.
55 VI. *Mary E.*, b. May 6, 1835; resides unmd. on the
homestead.
- 56 VII. *Timothy N.*, b. Jan. 16, 1837; md. Sept. 28,
1859, Mary A. Whittemore; resides in Fitch-
burg. Six children.
- 57 VIII. *Otis E.*, b. Sept. 26, 1839; resides unmd. on the
homestead.
- 58 IX. *Francis M.*, b. April 4, 1842; resides unmd. on the
homestead.
- 59 X. *Eliza J.*, b. June 23, 1844; d. June 27, 1852.
60 XI. *Eugene C.*, b. July 16, 1847; resides unmd. on the
homestead.
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- (53) JACOB PHILBRICK GATES, son of Everett Gates, md.
Sept. 18, 1855, Sally Wilker, dau. of John Wilker, *q. v.*
He is a farmer and owns a part of the original Wilker
farm.
- 61 I. *Flora G.*, b. Nov. 17, 1856.
62 II. *Willie E.*, b. Aug. 15, 1862; d. Dec. 19, 1863.
63 III. *Clara M.*, b. Jan. 8, 1865.
64 IV. *Fred E.*, b. July 24, 1869.
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- 1 CHARLES HENRY GENTLE, b. in Westminster Sept. 30,
1857, son of Charles and Mary (Dunn) Gentle, md. Nov.
23, 1881, Sarah Smith, dau. of Leonard and Mary
(Mansfield) Smith. (*Vide* Lawrence register.) He owns
and occupies the Merrick Willard farm at South Village.

BBS.

The Gibbs families of America are of English origin. The Ashburnham
families are descendants of Matthew Gibbs who was a planter in Charlestown
early date, and where he md. about 1650, Mary Bradish, dau. of Robert
lish of Cambridge. In 1654 he sold his house and land in Charlestown
removed to Sudbury. He was chosen one of a committee in 1655 and

subsequently was frequently mentioned in the Sudbury and county records. He d. previous to 1697. The eldest of his seven children was Matthew Gibbs, Jr., who was b. about 1655. He removed from Sudbury to Framingham, where he d. March 9, 1732. He md. 1678, Mary Moore, b. in Lancaster 1655, dau. of John and Ann (Smith) Moore of Lancaster and Sudbury. He md. (2d) Elizabeth Moore, b. 1657, a sister of his first wife. She d. in Framingham Jan. 20, 1733-4.

Joseph Gibbs, the fourth of the six children of Matthew Gibbs, Jr., was b. Oct. 7, 1687. He md. July 1, 1712, Mercy Clark, b. in Cambridge Dec. 18, 1690, dau. of James and Sarah (Champney) Clark. He resided in Framingham until about 1717, when he removed to Sudbury, where his wife d. Feb. 28, 1733-4. Joseph and Mercy (Clark) Gibbs had six children, of whom Joseph Gibbs, Jr., the second child and eldest son, was b. in Framingham, where he was bap. Sept. 13, 1719. He md. Hannah Howe and resided in Rutland and Princeton. He d. in Princeton May 12, 1774. His wife d. May 22, 1772. Two of the sons of Joseph Gibbs, Jr., settled in Ashburnham.

- 1 DANIEL GIBBS, eldest son of Joseph and Hannah (Howe) Gibbs, was b. Aug. 1, 1751. He resided in Princeton until 1778, when he bought land of John Gates and a mill in South Ashburnham of Philip Lock. He probably removed to Ashburnham in 1778, as his name appears on the remnant of a tax list for that year. He resided in this town until 1793, when he removed to Peterborough, N. H. From 1804 until his death he carried the mail from Brattleborough, Vt., to Portsmouth, N. H., at first on horseback and later in a light vehicle. He was killed while attempting to pass a bridge under repairs in Peterborough, Sept. 25, 1824. He md. in Princeton 1777, Lydia Woods, dau. of Samuel Woods of Princeton, and a half-sister of Rev. Dr. Leonard Woods; she survived him and d. in Peterborough April 14, 1836, aged 75. Three children were b. in Ashburnham and two in Peterborough.
- 2 i. Polly, b. April 12, 1781; d. April 17, 1795.
- 3 ii. Asa, b. Aug. 26, 1789; md. March 16, 1809, Mary Gregg, dau. of Major Samuel Gregg of Peterborough, N. H. She d. Feb. 24, 1813; md. (2d) July 4, 1815, Sally Porter, dau. of James Porter of Peterborough. Succeeding his father he carried the mails until 1826. He d. in Peterborough May 27, 1849; his widow d. Oct. 24, 1859. Four children.
- 4 iii. Abel, b. July 18, 1787; md. March 13, 1816, Nancy C. Porter, dau. of James Porter. He d. in Savannah, Ga., 1819. Their only child, James Porter Gibbs, d. in Woburn, Oct. 9, 1842, aged 26 years.

- 5 iv. *Lydia Woods*, b. Aug. 29, 1798; md. John Gardner; md. (2d) Jan., 1828, Rev. William Hogan of Savannah, Ga. He d. 1848; she d. in Peterborough Sept. 30, 1875.
- 6 v. *Sally*, b. 1800; d. unmd. May 29, 1820.

7 JOSEPH GIBBS, son of Joseph and Hannah (Howe) Gibbs, was b. Oct. 12, 1756. He remained in Princeton during the Revolution, and was taxed there until 1783. At this time he removed to this town and settled on the farm now of his grandson, George G. Samson. He was intelligent, industrious, honest, a kind neighbor and an exemplary citizen. He md. Jan. 9, 1787, Elizabeth Laws, b. July 28, 1766, dau. of James, Jr., and Anne (Danforth) Laws of Westminster. She d. Nov. 10, 1809; he md. (2d) June 19, 1811, Sally Fairbanks, dau. of Cyrus Fairbanks, *q. v.* He d. from injury received from a falling tree, March 19, 1829. His widow md. (2d) Nov. 19, 1835, Lewis Hill of Chester, Vt., and d. 1858. There were eleven children of Joseph and Elizabeth (Laws) Gibbs, and two of Joseph and Sally (Fairbanks) Gibbs.

- 8 i. *Joseph*, b. March 20, 1788; md. Feb. 2, 1813, Betsey Cowee of Westminster; resided in Benson, Vt.
- 9 ii. *Benjamin*, b. Feb. 3, 1790. +
- 10 iii. *Betsey*, b. March 16, 1792; md. Jonathan Samson, *q. v.*
- 11 iv. *Azubah*, b. Feb. 9, 1794; d. Aug. 9, 1795.
- 12 v. *Jonathan Danforth*, b. May 24, 1796; resided in Jaffrey, N. H.; md. Nov. 18, 1821, Rhoda Locke, b. July 27, 1801, dau. of Edward J. and Rhoda (Laws) Locke; she d. May 12, 1834; he md. (2d) Dec. 29, 1835, Sarah H. Wilson of Mason, N. H. He was a public-spirited citizen.
- 13 1. Rhoda Elizabeth, b. May 17, 1823.
- 14 vi. *Leavitt Howe*, b. March 26, 1798. +
- 15 vii. *Infant*, b. and d. Aug. 2, 1800.
- 16 viii. *Azubah*, b. Dec. 4, 1801; md. 1823, Alison Lake, Esq., of Rindge; she d. Jan. 3, 1832.
- 17 ix. *Leonard*, b. April 10, 1803; resided in Utica, N. Y.
- 18 x. *Cyrus*, b. Sept. 22, 1806; md. Elizabeth Bennett, resided in Canada.
- 19 xi. *Sylvia*, b. Sept. 4, 1808; d. Sept. 22, 1808.

- 20 XII. *Infant*, d. Aug. 1, 1814.
 21 XIII. *Merrick H.*, b. Dec. 21, 1815; md. Sept. 19, 1842, Maria M. Whitney, dau. of Noah and Mercy Whitney; resided in Ashburnham and in Gardner. He d. June 17, 1879. His widow resides in Gardner.
- 22 1. *Merrick Wallace*, b. July 18, 1846; md. 1874, Lydia A. Whitman, dau. of Charles and Viola Whitman. He d. in Gardner Oct. 7, 1878; his wife d. Aug. 23, 1877. One dau., Maud E., b. Dec. 23, 1875.
- 23 2. *Kate M.*, b. Sept. 26, 1848; md. Nov. 28, 1871. Edwin Gates, son of Addison and Nancy Gates; reside in Gardner.

(9) COL. BENJAMIN GIBBS was an officer of the militia several years, and was promoted Major 1824, and Lieutenant Colonel 1825. About 1826 he removed to Cambridgeport, where he d. Sept. 7, 1863. He md. Dec. 19, 1813, Sarah Rice, dau. of Reuben Rice, *q. v.* She d. Jan. 17, 1840; he md. (2d) July 22, 1841, her sister, Lucy Rice, who d. Dec. 29, 1885.

- 24 I. *Benjamin Warren*, b. Sept. 10, 1815; md. Oct. 14, 1838. Susan F. Johnson. He d. at Cambridgeport Jan. 7, 1878.
- 25 II. *Joseph N.*, b. July 24, 1817; md. Nov. 27, 1845, Elizabeth Wheeler. He is a jeweller at Medford.
- 26 III. *Reuben Rice*, b. Feb. 13, 1820; d. Sept. 19, 1824.
- 27 IV. *Sarah E.*, b. June 18, 1832; md. Nov. 22, 1855, Frank W. Reeves; she resides, his widow, at Laconia, N. H.
- 28 V. *George H.*, b. July 29, 1842; md. April 23, 1871, Ruhannah H. Wyman; he d. at Cambridgeport Nov. 5, 1882.
- 29 VI. *Charles E.*, b. Aug. 5, 1844; md. April 30, 1868, Mary E. Hartford; resides at Maplewood.

(14) LEAVITT H. GIBBS md. June 13, 1824, Charlotte Stearns, b. July 17, 1800, dau. of Daniel and Elizabeth (Knowlton) Stearns of Brattleborough, Vt. They resided in this town until 1864. In the infirmities of age they found a pleasant home with their children. He d. in Whitinsville Dec. 11, 1875. Mrs. Gibbs resides with her eldest

son in Fitchburg. She is the oldest member of the Congregational church, having been admitted to membership May 7, 1826.

- 30 i. *Joseph*, b. April 28, 1825; md. Sept. 30, 1849, Martha A. Dunn, dau. of John and Martha Dunn of Phillipston. He is a merchant tailor in Fitchburg.
- 31 1. *Flora V.*, b. Feb. 28, 1851; md. March 19, 1873, Frank L. Danforth; they reside in Chicago, Ill.
- 32 ii. *Charles Stearns*, b. April 10, 1827; d. unmd. April 29, 1856.
- 33 iii. *Henry A.*, b. April 8, 1831; md. Sept. 30, 1858, Eliza A. Blodgett, dau. of James Blodgett, *q. v.* He is superintendent of streets in Woonsocket, R. I.
- 34 iv. *George L.*, b. Feb. 20, 1837. He has resided in Whitinsville since 1854, with the exception of one year in Fitchburg, where he was engaged in the clothing trade. He is a successful merchant, and in local and public affairs has manifested a lively interest. He was a member of the Legislature 1869, a member of the Republican State Committee 1881 and 1884, and an alternate delegate to the National Republican Convention 1884. He md. Helen Louisa Whiting, dau. of Charles P. and Sarah J. (Halliday) Whiting. She d. May 9, 1885.
- 35 1. George Melville.
- 36 v. *Ellen M.*, b. July 27, 1839; md. Aug. 10, 1864, William H. Hurd, b. Oct. 8, 1834, son of John and Sophia (Hitchcock) Hurd of Montague. They reside in Keene, N. H.
- 37 vi. *Harriet C.*, b. Feb. 2, 1842; d. July 17, 1843.

1 THOMAS GIBSON removed to the southeast part of this town about 1783. The name of his wife was Relief, but no record of the marriage has been found. An account of his service in the Revolution appears in Chap. VI. He d. June 11, 1841; his widow d. Oct. 20, 1849.

2 i. *Thomas*, b. July 4, 1784; md. 1808, Hannah Cutter, b. July 29, 1790, dau. of Ammi and Hannah (Holden) Cutter of Cambridge. He removed to Ashby, where their nine children

were b. Among these is Jerome S. Gibson who is number 12 of this register.

- 3 II. *Relief*, b. May 29, 1789.
- 4 III. *Lucinda*, b. March 25, 1790; md. 1810, Bezaleel Gibson.
- 5 IV. *Betsey*, b. Sept. 22, 1791.
- 6 V. *John*, b. Feb. 12, 1796; md. 1820, Rebecca Munroe, dau. of Lieut. Ebenezer Munroe, *q. v.*
- 7 VI. *Porter*, b. Sept. 20, 1798.
- 8 VII. *Sophia*, b. April 6, 1800; md. John Munroe, son of Lieut. Ebenezer Munroe, *q. v.*
- 9 VIII. *Hosea B.*, b. Aug. 21, 1802.

10 EBER GIBSON, son of Stephen and Eliza (Maynard) Gibson of Ashby, was b. Nov. 14, 1810. He is a grandson of Nehemiah Maynard, an early resident of this town. He md. Dec. 1, 1836, Sylvia Rice, dau. of Levi Rice, *q. v.*, and has remained in this town. Two children d. young.

- 11 I. *Elizabeth Ann*, b. Aug. 9, 1842; md. Nov. 27, 1858, Fred M. Stanley.

12 JEROME S. GIBSON, b. Oct. 24, 1822, in Ashby, md. April 10, 1845, Abigail D. Sawyer, dau. of Abel Sawyer; resided in this town many years and recently removed to Ashby. His wife d. 1886.

- 13 I. *Elwyn Deloss*, b. July 19, 1850; md. Feb. 7, 1877, Celia V. Marble, dau. of Newell Marble, *q. v.*
- 14 II. *Lillian Ardelle*, b. June 24, 1854; md. Charles S. Marble, son of Newell Marble, *q. v.*

1 WILLIAM GIPSON, b. in Lunenburg, md. Dolly Hawks and resided in Rindge and in this town. He was killed by a falling tree July 18, 1839, aged about 50 years. The records name three and it is certain there were other children.

- 2 I. *Mary H.*, md. 1840, Amos D. Brooks.
- 3 II. *Irene*, md. 1842, George Atkinson.
- 4 III. *Caroline P.*, md. 1846, James C. Peabody.

5 HENRY GIPSON, a brother of William Gipson, b. in Lunenburg Oct. 18, 1793, md. 1811, Dolly R. Samson, dau. of Jonathan Samson, Jr. He resided a few years in Rindge, returning to this town in 1827. He d. March 10, 1861; she d. Dec. 18, 1873.

- 6 I. *Susan Samson*, b. March 1, 1812.
- 7 II. *Henry*, b. Nov. 16, 1813; md. 1836, *Mary L. Perry*, dau. of Obadiah and Lavinia (Piper) Perry of Littleton; he d. about 1865; she md. (2d) Charles Taylor, son of Samuel and Persis (Jones) Taylor of New Ipswich.
- 8 III. *Dolly Rosina*, b. Oct. 20, 1815.
- 9 IV. *Merrick*, b. Sept. 14, 1817; md. Jan. 20, 1842, Roxanna Townsend; lives in Ashby.
- 10 V. *Sarah Elizabeth*, b. Oct. 23, 1823.
- 11 VI. *Mary Abigail*, b. Sept. 8, 1825; md. Nov. 23, 1842, Silas W. Winchester, son of Jona. Winchester, Jr.
- 12 VII. *Julia Ann*, b. Sept. 29, 1827.
- 13 VIII. *Jane*, b. June 24, 1832.
- 14 IX. *Charles*, b. March 12, 1834; md. Jan. 18, 1857, Sarah M. Jackman of Antrim, N. H. He is an invalid; resides in northeast part of the town.
- 15 1. Charles Eugene. b. Oct. 18, 1857.
- 16 2. Merrick Oswell, b. Feb. 14, 1859.
- 17 3. James Jackman, b. Sept. 22, 1860.
- 18 4. Oren R., b. March 2, 1863.
- 19 5. Willie E., b. Dec. 22, 1864.
- 20 6. Mary Ella, b. Nov. 7, 1866.

1 DEA. JOHN C. GLAZIER. b. in Gardner Sept. 7, 1798, was a son of Dea. Lewis and Betsey (Coolidge) Glazier and a grandson of John and Sarah (Temple) Glazier of Shrewsbury and Gardner. He md. Sophia Bancroft, b. Jan. 19, 1800, dau. of Jonathan and Betsey (Parker) Bancroft of Gardner. In 1824 he removed to South Ashburnham and for many years he was actively engaged in the manufacture of chairs. He was a deacon of the Congregational church from 1836 to 1857, when he resigned and united with the Methodists. He was a selectman and in 1846 he represented the town in the Legislature. He d. Dec. 21, 1860.

- 2 I. *Jonathan B.*, b. Nov. 9, 1823; d. Dec. 16, 1823.
- 3 II. *Betsey Coolidge*, b. June 16, 1825; md. Edward S. Flint, *q. v.*
- 4 III. *Harvey Bancroft*, b. Dec. 3, 1828; d. July 13, 1832.
- 5 IV. *Lewis*, b. Nov. 23, 1833; md. 1855, Elizabeth J. Lawrence, b. 1834, dau. of Ithamar Lawrence of Jaffrey, N. H. He d. in this town Nov. 15, 1863.
- 6 V. *Lucy Ann*, b. Feb. 12, 1844; md. Alva S. Howe, son of Perley Howe, *q. v.*

1 PETER GOODALE, b. Dec. 12, 1751, was a son of Edward Goodale of Shrewsbury, grandson of Benjamin Goodale of Marlboro' and great-grandson of John Goodale of Marlboro'. He md. in Shrewsbury, March 9, 1775, Abigail Hinds, b. July 14, 1752, dau. of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Temple) Hinds of Shrewsbury. He removed from Shrewsbury to Ashburnham in 1776 and settled in the southwest part of the town. When Gardner was incorporated, his farm was included and the new town acquired a good citizen. He was selected to warn the first town meeting in Gardner, and was subsequently treasurer and selectman. He was a liberal contributor of material for the first meeting-house in the new town. He removed to Boylston, 1791.

- 2 I. *Elizabeth*, b. in Shrewsbury Dec. 23, 1775.
- 3 II. *Benjamin*, b. in Ashburnham Sept. 5, 1778.
- 4 III. *Jason*, b. in Ashburnham Dec. 7, 1780.
- 5 IV. *Peter*, b. in Ashburnham May 3, 1783.
- 6 V. *Asaph*, b. in Gardner May 13, 1787.
- 7 VI. *Junia*, b. in Gardner April 17, 1789.

1 MATTHEW E. GOODWIN, b. in Shoreham. Vt., March 25, 1813, has resided in this town about fifty years. He md. May 4, 1836, Mary Burgess, dau. of Joseph F. Burgess. q. v. He is a carpenter at the South Village.

- 2 I. *Lois Irene*, b. Aug. 7, 1838; md. Charles Henry Puffer, q. v.
- 3 II. *Jonathan Edward*, b. July 12, 1840; md. Jane Foster; md. (2d) Mary (Derby) Flint, widow; resides in Gardner.
- 4 III. *Jesse Washburn*, b. Feb. 9, 1843; md. Nina Parsons; resided in Camden, N. Y., until 1886, when he removed to this town.
- 5 IV. *Matthew Birchard*, b. Nov. 28, 1845; md. Florence Ritchie. He is a chair maker at South Village.
- 6 V. *Juliette*, b. Sept. 13, 1848; md. March 7, 1864, Chester Burbee; they reside at South Village.
- 7 VI. *Willie Charles*, b. March 4, 1854; drowned May 10, 1864.
- 8 VII. *Alice Jane*, b. July 21, 1858; md. June 26, 1876, Burnard Duane, manufacturer at South Village.

REEN.

SIMEON GREEN, son of William and Hannah (Holden) Green, was b. in oton Sept. 15, 1729; he md. in Pepperell, Sept. 13, 1753, Mary Shattuck, Sept. 22, 1730, dau. of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Chamberlain) Shattuck

of Groton. They resided some years in Pepperell, and about 1777 removed to Jaffrey, N. H., and about 1791 removed to Townsend. He d. Sept. 16, 1813, aged 84. Mary, his wife, d. June 27, 1810, aged nearly 80. Solomon Green, their son, removed to Jaffrey with his parents. He md. 1786, Sarah Hilton of Lunenburg, and removed to Townsend about 1791, where he d. May 31, 1803, aged 39; she d. Sept. 2, 1850, aged 82 years. The seventh of their nine children was Rebecca Green, b. March 5, 1801; md. Sept. 26, 1830, Andrew Shattuck of Pepperell, son of Abijah Shattuck. They resided in Shirley and Townsend. He d. Oct. 5, 1844, aged 42; she md. (2d) Walter Russell, *q. v.*; md. (3d) Hosea Green, *q. v.* Rinaldo H. Shattuck, who d. in the army May 8, 1863, was a son of Andrew and Rebecca (Green) Shattuck. He was b. in Shirley March 18, 1838.

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| 1 | OLIVER GREEN, son of Simeon and Mary (Shattuck) Green, was b. in Pepperell March 28, 1754. He md. July 13, 1780, Dorothy Hildreth, b. Feb. 5, 1757, and they removed in 1782 to Ashby, where they resided seventeen years. Living one year, 1799, in Westford, they removed in 1800 to this town, where he d. May 15, 1834; his widow d. Feb. 20, 1845. |
| 2 | I. <i>Oliver</i> , b. July 4, 1781; a clergyman and teacher; d. Oct. 24, 1810. <i>Vide</i> page 494. |
| 3 | II. <i>Dolly</i> , b. Dec. 10, 1782; md. Oliver Marble, <i>q. v.</i> |
| 4 | III. <i>Mary</i> , b. April 9, 1785; md. John Caldwell, <i>q. v.</i> |
| 5 | IV. <i>Anner</i> , b. Feb. 10, 1787; md. Samuel Randall, <i>q. v.</i> |
| 6 | V. <i>Asa</i> , b. Feb. 11, 1789; a physician; d. in New York City, 1839. <i>Vide</i> page 497. |
| 7 | VI. <i>Betsey</i> , b. Jan. 25, 1791; d. May 20, 1793. |
| 8 | VII. <i>Sally</i> , b. Dec. 9, 1792; md. John Hastings, <i>q. v.</i> |
| 9 | VIII. <i>Rebecca</i> , b. June 15, 1795; md. June 26, 1817, Joseph F. Cushman; resided at Rutland, Vt., and in Michigan. She d. June 2, 1865; he d. 1868. Ten children. |
| 10 | IX. <i>Hosea</i> , b. Sept. 22, 1797. + |
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- (10) HOSEA GREEN, at this date, 1886, is the most aged man in Ashburnham. Quiet in his manner, refined in thought, kind to his fellow-men, his life is blameless and crowned with the fruits of good works and faithful stewardship. He md. May 22, 1821, Asenath Sawin, dau. of Asa Sawin, *q. v.* She d. March 10, 1843; he md. (2d) Nov. 16, 1843, Susan (Bemis) Merriam, widow of James Merriam, *q. v.*; she d. Nov. 10, 1857; he md. (3d) Feb. 15, 1858, Rebecca (Green) Russell, dau. of Solomon Green. Eight children by first, and two by second marriage.
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| 11 | I. <i>Daughter</i> , b. Jan. 22, 1822; d. same day. |
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| 12 | II. <i>Hosea Hildreth</i> , b. Dec. 26, 1824; d. Aug. 13, 1843. |
| 13 | III. <i>Oliver Marshall</i> , b. Jan. 8, 1827; md. Nov. 15, 1854, <i>Lydia A. Green</i> of Ashby; reside in North Chelmsford. |
| 14 | IV. <i>Rebecca Cushman</i> , b. June 29, 1831; md. May 23, 1855, <i>Francis Fuller</i> of Newton; reside in Dorchester. |
| 15 | V. <i>Harlan Phinney</i> , b. March 1, 1836; md. Dec. 30, 1860, <i>Eliza J. Osgood</i> ; a merchant in Townsend. |
| 16 | VI. <i>Anner Randall</i> , b. April 5, 1838; md. May 8, 1859, <i>Rev. William H. Dowden</i> , b. in Fairhaven, Jan. 15, 1836, son of <i>Thomas</i> and <i>Eunice (Simons) Dowden</i> , graduate of <i>Andover Theo. Seminary</i> , 1866. Congregational clergyman, having had charges in <i>Pelham</i> , <i>Carlisle</i> , <i>Lunenburg</i> , <i>East Jaffrey</i> , <i>N. H.</i> , <i>Hanover</i> , <i>Easton</i> and now, 1886, <i>Rowley</i> . |
| 17 | VII. <i>Sarah Asenath</i> , b. June 24, 1840; md. Aug. 30, 1860, <i>Alson L. Marshall</i> of Fitchburg; resides in Wakefield. |
| 18 | VIII. <i>Susan Elsie</i> , b. March 5, 1843; d. Jan. 10, 1846. |
| 19 | IX. <i>Susan A.</i> , b. Sept. 29, 1845; md. <i>William H. White</i> of Shirley. |
| 20 | X. <i>Hattie E.</i> , b. Aug. 22, 1848; d. April 24, 1849. |

GREENWOOD.

ABIJAH GREENWOOD, b. 1748, a son of *Joseph Greenwood* of Holden, removed to *Hubbardston* about 1770. He enlisted in 1775 and served in the siege of *Boston*. He md. July 14, 1774, *Rhoda Pond*, b. Oct. 12, 1753, dau. of *Ezra* and *Sarah (Morse) Pond* of *Hubbardston* and a granddau. of *Ezra Pond* of *Wrentham*; she d. June 16, 1782. Two of her three children survived her. *Abijah Greenwood* md. (2d) Oct. 3, 1783, *Elizabeth Mearns* who d. Feb. 15, 1814; he d. Jan. 9, 1814.

Otis Greenwood, son of *Abijah* and *Rhoda (Pond) Greenwood*, was b. in *Hubbardston* Dec. 4, 1781. He md. Nov. 27, 1806, *Sophia Rice*, b. in *Hubbardston* 1785, dau. of *Edmund* and *Abigail (Muzzy) Rice*. He d. Oct. 6, 1814; his widow d. May 7, 1816.

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| 1 | EDMUND R. GREENWOOD , son of <i>Otis</i> and <i>Sophia (Rice) Greenwood</i> , was b. in <i>Hubbardston</i> Dec. 1, 1807, and was left an orphan at an early age. He md. Sept. 4, 1828, <i>Susan H. Slocomb</i> , b. in <i>Boston</i> Sept. 9, 1808, dau. of <i>Peleg</i> and <i>Polly (Phelps) Slocomb</i> . He was engaged in the manufacture of chairs in <i>Hubbardston</i> until 1851, when he removed to this town. He d. Jan. 12, 1882. |
| 2 | I. <i>Otis</i> , b. March 4, 1829; resided in <i>California</i> , where he d. July, 1863. |
| 3 | II. <i>John Q.</i> , b. Sept. 28, 1830; md. Sept. 28, 1852, |

Ellen M. Joslin, dau. of Levi and Dorcas (Wright) Joslin; resided in this town, where he d. Oct. 17, 1858.

- 4 III. *Mary S.*, b. Dec. 20, 1833; md. Col. George H. Barrett, *q. v.*
- 5 IV. *Theodore*, b. July 27, 1835; md. April 5, 1860, Ellen M. (Joslin) Greenwood, widow of his brother, John Q. Greenwood. He served in the Civil War and continues a residence in this town. He has been an assessor several years.
- 6 V. *Edmund*, b. Dec. 18, 1837; resides in Memphis, Tenn.
- 7 VI. *Abby S.*, b. April 14, 1840; d. April 12, 1841.
- 8 VII. *James B.*, b. Sept. 10, 1842; d. Feb. 10, 1846.
- 9 VIII. *Moses P.*, b. Dec. 21, 1845; md. June 18, 1868, Georgie S. Whitney, dau. of Hon. Ohio Whitney, *q. v.* He is a merchant in this town. From 1881 to 1886 he was of the firm of Adams and Greenwood, and now is proprietor of the business in the Brick Store.

- 1 APOLLOS GRISWOLD, son of Apollos and Prudence (Crapoe) Griswold, was b. in Savoy March 17, 1812. He md. April 23, 1839, Arvilla Wetherbee, dau. of Joseph and Nancy (Conant) Wetherbee of Rindge, and resided in Rindge until 1865, when he removed to the Willard farm in the north part of the town. They have one adopted son.

- 2 I. *John W.*, b. Aug. 1, 1858; md. Aug. 23, 1883, Jennie L. Ellis, dau. of Daniels Ellis, *q. v.* He is a farmer; resides on the Charles Davis farm, near North Village.

- 1 PEEKS GROSS, b. May 24, 1766; md. in Scituate Jan. 7, 1799, Sarah L. Whitney. They resided a few years in Hanover and came to this town 1816. He bought at this time the Brooks mill and a farm connected with the property, which still remain in the possession of the family. He d. Sept. 7, 1835.

- 2 I. *Elijah*, b. July 8, 1806.+
- 3 II. *Sarah L.*, b. Feb. 23, 1808; md. June 10, 1830, Levi Corey, *q. v.*
- 4 III. *Eveline*, b. March 20, 1810; md. Sept. 16, 1832, Moses H. Ross. They removed to Sterling. Eight children.
- 5 IV. *James M.*, b. June 26, 1816; md. Oct. 28, 1840, Sarah W. Stowers. He resided in Chelsea, where he d. Oct. 5, 1883.

- 6 v. *Alexander P.*, b. Jan. 18, 1818. He was a millwright; he md. Lucretia Waldbridge and removed to California. He d. in San Francisco Aug. 4, 1883.

(2) **ELIJAH GROSS** md. June 6, 1833, Mercy Smith, dau. of Charles and Polly (Burgess) Smith of Westminster and a granddau. of Ebenezer Burgess, *q. v.* He is a farmer and a miller, doing business with his son under firm name of E. Gross & Son.

- 7 i. *Harrison E.*, b. Oct. 13, 1834; d. same day.
 8 ii. *Eveline Augusta*, b. Dec. 18, 1838; d. April 21, 1845.
 9 iii. *Sarah Whitney*, b. Aug. 31, 1840; resides at home unmd.
 10 iv. *Andrew Porter*, b. Feb. 11, 1843; of the firm E. Gross & Son.

1 **GAMALIEL HADLEY**, son of Jerold Hadley, was b. in Woburn June 5, 1797. He came to Ashburnham 1819 and subsequently occupied several farms. In 1846 he removed to Rindge and later to Michigan. Returning to Ashburnham he occupied the farm now of his son George G. Hadley until his death. He md. Nov. 8, 1819, Martha F. Knight, b. Sept. 21, 1801, dau. of John and Martha Knight of Woburn. He d. Oct. 20, 1882; his widow d. Oct. 26, 1885.

- 2 i. *Martha*, b. April 28, 1821; md. Leonard Lawrence, *q. v.*; md. (2d) Charles Lawrence, *q. v.*
 3 ii. *Rosilla*, b. Sept. 12, 1823; d. July 3, 1824.
 4 iii. *John*, b. May 10, 1825; was engaged several years in Rindge in the manufacture of lumber and wood ware. For several years he has resided in this town. He md. Nov. 16, 1857, Lydia E. Richardson of Westminster, who d. Aug. 29, 1863; md. (2d) 1865. Susan (Kidder) Sawin, widow of John Sawin, *q. v.*
 5 iv. *Harriet*, b. Sept. 5, 1827; md. Ai Stone, b. in Gardner Aug. 25, 1817, son of Samuel and Lucy (Wheeler) Stone. They resided in Ashby, Winchendon and Gardner. She d. in Gardner July 13, 1862.
 6 v. *Sarah*, b. March 18, 1830; md. Uriah Lawrence, *q. v.*
 7 vi. *George Gamaliel*, b. June 3, 1832; md. Aug. 15, 1876. Mary E. Estey, b. March 12, 1861. He

resides a farmer on the homestead, and where Jeremiah Foster settled when he came to the wilderness. Three children.

8 VII. *Henry*, b. Oct. 28, 1835; md. Elmira Bancroft,
dau. of Dea. Smyrna W. Bancroft of Gardner;
resides in Gardner.

9 VIII. *Rebecca*, b. Dec. 27, 1837; d. Jan. 8, 1841.

10 IX. *Hosea*, b. Sept. 29, 1845; d. Oct. 2, 1845.

11 DAVID HADLEY, a brother of Gamaliel, was b. in
Woburn Feb. 6, 1800. He md. 1827, Abigail Bruce of
Westminster. She was b. Oct. 10, 1810, and d. March
22, 1873. He was a farmer on the farm now of his son
Merrick Hadley. He d. Sept. 7, 1857.

12 I. *Charles B.*, b. March 1, 1829; d. March 16, 1829.

13 II. *Merrick*, b. Oct. 27, 1830; md. April 20, 1861,
Lucy E. (Harris) Ballou, b. Feb. 16, 1829.
He is a farmer in Lane Village.

14 I. Frank A., b. Sept. 19, 1864 (adopted).

15 III. *Sumner D.*, b. Feb. 6, 1833; d. May 23, 1857.

16 IV. *Augusta A.*, b. Aug. 17, 1835; d. July 12, 1853.

17 V. *Louisa Jane*, b. Jan. 15, 1838; md. Edwin Scollay,
son of Grover Scollay, *q. v.*

18 VI. *Arrilla A.*, b. July 6, 1840; md. James Bullard
of Berlin; resides in Worcester.

19 WILLIAM HADLEY, son of William and Abigail (Babcock)
Hadley, b. in Westminster, Vt., Feb. 17, 1836, removed
to this town 1862. He md. Oct. 13, 1863, Victoria
Adalaide Russell, b. Oct. 3, 1842, dau. of Daniel and
Amy (Whittaker) Russell. Daniel Russell d. in this
town Feb. 12, 1883. Mr. Hadley is a mechanic residing
in Central Village. No children.

1 HENRY HALL was b. in Germany 1711. He md. in his
native land Anna Mary Saunders, and came to America
about 1750. The name was then written Hole, but it soon
was changed to Hall. He was one of the seven German
emigrants who purchased in Dec., 1757, the Lexington
grant. This tract of land containing one thousand acres
was subsequently known as the Dutch Farm. In the dis-
tribution of the land Henry Hall came into possession of
two parcels. He settled on a corner lot more recently
owned by Capt. Lemuel Whitney. He was an intelligent
man and a good citizen, and his wife was an accomplished
lady.

The births of the children were not recorded and possibly the register is not complete. He d. Oct. 14, 1794, aged 83. Mary, his widow, d. Jan. 27, 1802, aged 76.

- 2 i. *Mary*, b. —; md. April 27, 1772, Jedediah Cooper. They lived over the line in Westminster but attended church in this town and maintained social relations with the families of Ashburnham. It is tradition that this dau. of the emigrant was b. on the ocean. The younger children were b. in Boston. He d. 1832; she d. 1839. Six children.
- 3 ii. *John*, b. Aug. 18, 1753. +
- 4 iii. *Henry*, b. 1754. +
- 5 iv. *Katherine*, b. —; md. Jan. 8, 1778, Elijah McIntire.

- (3) JOHN HALL md. Nov. 25, 1790, Betsey Bennett, dau. of James and Hannah Bennett, *q. v.* He resided on a farm near the residence of Nathan and Oliver Taylor. He d. Aug. 4, 1834; she d. in Ashby July 29, 1839. There were seven children.

- 6 i. *John*, b. Aug. 20, 1791; md. Oct. 26, 1817, Lois Marble, dau. of Oliver Marble, *q. v.* He resided a few years in Berkshire, Vt., and in 1825 returned to this town, residing on the farm formerly of his father. About 1840 he removed to Wisconsin. He md. (2d) Abigail A. Shepherd who was the mother of his five children.
 - 7 1. Amos S., b. Jan. 24, 1823.
 - 8 2. Otis, b. Jan. 2, 1825.
 - 9 3. Eliza, b. March 7, 1826.
 - 10 4. John, b. Sept. 19, 1827.
 - 11 5. Betsey Ellen, b. Oct. 30, 1831.
- 12 ii. *Elizabeth*, b. June 14, 1793; md. Jan. 8, 1815, Noah Goen of New Ipswich. She d., leaving a daughter, Dec. 6, 1815.
 - 13 1. Elizabeth, b. Dec. 1, 1815; md. Dec. 10, 1839, David Hill; resided in Lowell, where he d. March 17, 1867. Their daughter, Anna Elizabeth Hill, b. Sept. 12, 1843, md. Jan. 3, 1870, George Frederick Smith. They had two sons: George Robert, b. Oct. 10, 1845, and Edward Francis, b. Oct. 2, 1855.
- 14 iii. *Nancy*, b. March 5, 1795; md. Nov. 28, 1813,

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Joseph Fletcher of New Ipswich. They resided in Enosburg, Vt. She d. at the home of her youngest dau. in Keene, N. H., April 10, 1875.

- 15 1. Nancy, b. 1815; md. Rev. Silas S. Hyde.
- 16 2. Almira, b. Feb. 16, 1820; md. Nov. 27, 1845, Charles B. Jaquith. They resided in this town until 1872 when they removed to Keene, N. H. They have one son, Ossian Jaquith.
- 17 iv. *Henry*, b. Jan. 30, 1797; md. Abigail Crampton, and resided in Berkshire, Vt.
- 18 v. *James*, b. Aug. 15, 1798; md. Mary Barton of Berkshire, Vt.; subsequently lived in New York.
- 19 vi. *Quincy*, b. May 16, 1800; md. Almira Rublee; resided in Wisconsin. Several children.
- 20 vii. *Almira*, b. Oct. 30, 1803; md. Sept. 26, 1850, Samuel Stearns of Rindge; d. 1877.

- (4) HENRY HALL, son of Henry, md. Nov. 11, 1784, Betsey Hall of Ashby. He was a farmer residing on the farm of his father. He d. Feb. 10, 1822; his widow d. Oct., 1829. They had one child.

- 21 i. *Elizabeth*, b. Feb. 6, 1788; md. Dec. 4, 1804, Capt. Lemuel Whitney, q. v.

1 JOHN HAMMOND, who had formerly been a ship carpenter, after a brief residence in Fitchburg removed to this town in 1844. He resided at Factory Village. In 1870 he went West to live with his children who had previously removed from town. The name of his wife was Sarah. No record of the family has been furnished and a number of letters remained unanswered. All the information gleaned from the records is included in the following register.

- 2 i. *John*, b. 1834; removed to Michigan.
- 3 ii. *Sarah*, b. 1836; d. June 20, 1855.
- 4 iii. *George H.*, b. about 1838; removed to Detroit, Mich.; was largely interested in the meat business and in the export trade. He was a prominent owner of the Refrigerator Car and the first to use them in the shipment of dressed meat. He d. in Detroit Jan. 6, 1887.
- 5 iv. *Relief*, b. —.
- 6 v. *Martha*, b. —.
- 7 vi. *Thomas*, b. —; md. 1866, Helen E. Potter.
- 8 vii. *Walter*, b. 1846; d. Feb. 5, 1847.

- 9 VIII. *Frederick*, b. July 31, 1848; was in the service in
the Civil War on the quota of this town.
10 IX. *Albert*, b. Sept. 26, 1850; d. at Miama, Mo.,
Sept. 9, 1873.
11 X. *Henry*, b. ——.
12 XI. *Juliette*, b. Dec. 25, 1852.
13 XII. *Herbert*, b. 1854; d. Aug. 6, 1855.

1 NATHAN HANDLEY, b. in Acton Jan. 28, 1795, removed
to Ashburnham 1825, where he resided until his death
March 31, 1858. He md. Abigail Wilker, dau. of George
Wilker, *q. v.*; she d. Jan. 24, 1871.

2 I. *Sarah W.*, b. April 8, 1827; md. Dec. 16, 1849,
George C. Winchester, *q. v.*

3 II. *George W.*, b. March 26, 1828; md. Clarissa M.
Green, dau. of Emerson and Clarissa (Wright)
Green. They reside in Ashby. He is post-
master.

4 III. *Martha A.*, b. Feb. 28, 1830; unmd.; resides with
her sister in Ashburnham.

1 PATRICK HARE, b. 1776 in the county of Down, Ireland,
md. Mary Daley, b. 1788; came to America 1843, and
to Ashburnham 1856. He d. Nov. 2, 1864; she d. Aug.
3, 1871.

2 I. *Elizabeth*, b. 1816; md. Michael Cuddy; d. in
Manchester, N. H., 1874.

3 II. *Rosena*, b. —; md. John Finan, *q. v.*

4 III. *John*, b. 1826; md. Joanna Collins; enlisted in
the autumn of 1861 in 32d Regiment and d.
at Ship Island, Miss., March 8, 1862.

5 IV. *Maria*, b. 1836; md. 1853, James Holden, b. in
Ireland 1830. He is a farmer; resided in
this town since 1874; seven of their eleven
children are living.

6 V. *Ann*, b. 1838; md. William M. Young.

7 VI. *James P.*, b. April 25, 1842; md. Oct. 10, 1864,
Mary F. Nash, b. July 7, 1841, dau. of John
and Margaret Nash; resides in Ashburnham.
Seven children.

1 DANIEL HARPER was a roving planet whose familiar
name is found in the records of many towns in this vicin-
ity. Perhaps his occupation controlled his frequent re-
movals. There were steelyard makers in the olden times
who sought new fields whenever the demands of their

immediate vicinity had been supplied. It is possible he was a harper and travelled from town to town. He md. in Lunenburg Nov. 23, 1758, Rachel Coleman, dau. of James Coleman, *q. v.*, and the following year he was in Dorchester Canada. In 1765 he removed to Rindge and his family arrived there the next spring. Subsequently he lived in many places. Where death overtook him in his sudden movements has not appeared.

- 2 i. *Rachel*, b. in Ashburnham April 1, 1761.
- 3 ii. *James Coleman*, b. in Ashburnham March 10, 1762.
- 4 iii. *Daniel*, b. in Shirley March 10, 1766.
- 5 iv. *Mary*, b. in Littleton Feb. 27, 1770.
- 6 v. *Aaron*, b. in Littleton Jan. 29, 1772.
- 7 vi. *Ezekiel*, b. in Shirley Feb. 8, 1778.

HARRIS.

There are several families of Harris in New England that can establish no ties of kinship. The number of emigrants to this country previous to 1640 bearing the name of Harris was eight or more. Some of these probably were relatives, yet there is ample evidence that there were several distinct families sharing nothing in common except the name. Dea. Jacob Harris, the first of the name in this town, was a descendant of the fourth generation from Thomas Harris, one of the early settlers of Ipswich. He was in Ipswich as early as 1636, and in 1643 he was one of a company of twenty who marched against the Indians. He md. Nov. 15, 1647, Martha Lake, dau. of John and Margaret (Read) Lake. He d. Aug. 2, 1687. Sergeant John Harris, son of Thomas, b. Jan. 7, 1653, md. Jan. 8, 1686, Grace Searle, dau. of William Searle of Ipswich, and resided in Ipswich where he d. Nov. 21, 1732; his widow d. June 10, 1742. Of their seven children the youngest was Richard Harris, b. Nov. 13, 1705. He md. 1735, Martha Foster, b. Dec. 16, 1710, dau. of Jacob and Martha (Graves) Foster of Ipswich. In 1743 Richard Harris and Jeremiah Foster jointly purchased 112 acres of land situated in Stow and the same year both of them with their families removed to Harvard. The wife of Richard Harris was a first cousin of Jeremiah Foster. Not many years later this Jeremiah Foster and a son of Richard Harris are found residing in Ashburnham. Martha, wife of Richard Harris, d. in Harvard Sept. 8, 1756; he md. (2d) Phebe (Wright) Atherton, widow of John Atherton. He d. Dec. 20, 1776. Three of the children of Richard Harris, Dea. Jacob, Nathaniel and Rebecca (Harris) Scollay, were residents of Ashburnham.

- 1 DEA. JACOB HARRIS, son of Richard and Martha (Foster) Harris, was b. in Ipswich Feb. 15, 1740-1. In 1743 the family removed to Harvard and he came to Ashburnham in 1767. Among his townsmen he was held in high esteem and was frequently chosen to positions of trust. He was selectman 1781 and an assessor fifteen years, serving in this capacity nearly every year from 1779 to 1798. He was a deacon of the Congregational church from 1788 until his death. He settled about one mile northerly from

- 14 2. Marius H., b. May 24, 1814; md. Aug. 26, 1847, Elizabeth Wood; resides in Leominster.
- 15 3. Cordelia E., b. Aug. 21, 1823; md. Nov. 8, 1849, Franklin H. Sprague, Esq.; resided in Boston and during the past twenty years in Framingham. He was a member of Legislature 1858, 1873, 1874.
- 16 4. John Milton, b. July 22, 1827; md. Nov. 29, 1854, Myra A. Sawin, dau. of Joseph D. and Marcia M. (Scribner) Sawin of Gardner. Hon. John M. Moore is a manufacturer of chairs in South Gardner. He has served in both branches of the Legislature, and for many years has been a member of the School Committee of Gardner.
- 17 vi. Jacob, b. Nov. 14, 1786; was a farmer in Ashburnham and after 1826 in Windham, N. H. He was a respected citizen and occupied several positions of trust. He md. April 8, 1817, Sophia Smith, b. Oct. 24, 1787, dau. of Joshua Smith, Esq., *q. v.* He d. Feb. 27, 1860; his widow d. April 23, 1869. No children.
- 18 vii. Eunice, b. Jan. 28, 1790; d. in Windham, N. H., unmd., June 18, 1877.
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- (9) REV. SAMUEL HARRIS resided in this town, except two or three years in Fitchburg, until about 1804. He was subsequently a Congregational minister in New Hampshire. *Vide* page 509. He md. April 17, 1798, Ruth Pratt, a daughter by a former marriage of the third wife of his father. She was b. in New Ipswich Aug. 29, 1779; d. in Windham, N. H., March 22, 1869. Rev. Samuel Harris d. in Windham, N. H., Sept. 5, 1848. Twelve children.
- 19 i. Sally, b. Feb. 20, 1799; md. Oct. 19, 1852, Amherst Coult, son of Dr. Amherst and Miriam (Giddings) Coult. He was a farmer in Auburn, N. H., where he d. April 12, 1884; she resides at the homestead.
- 20 ii. Mary W., b. Nov. 3, 1800; d. unmd. Jan. 18, 1839.
- 21 iii. Edward P., b. Nov. 17, 1802; graduate Dartmouth College 1826. Principal of Academy, Brad-

H. Dinsmore, b. Oct. 3, 1831, dau. of Dea. Samuel and Hannah (Blanchard) Dinsmore of Auburn, N. H. Three children. Of these, William S. Harris has published an accurate and intelligent sketch of the descendants of Dea. Jacob Harris.

30 XII. *Lucinda*, b. June 10, 1824; d. April 27, 1825.

31 NATHANIEL HARRIS, son of Richard and Martha (Foster) Harris, was b. in Harvard April 4, 1752, and came to Ashburnham previous to the Revolution. He was in the company of minute-men commanded by Capt. Jonathan Gates in 1775. *Vide* page 142. He settled on Main street in the Central Village, where Nabum Wood now resides, where he was a tanner and was succeeded by Capt. David Cushing and Levi Adams. In 1779 he was one of the Committee of Correspondence and at other times he was called to assist in town affairs. He removed in 1798 to Brandon, Vt., where he d. June 21, 1831. He md. March 12, 1778, Abigail Harris, b. in Shrewsbury July 1, 1756, dau. of Daniel and Jerusha Harris. When married she was styled "of Ashburnham," but I find no evidence that her parents ever resided in this town. She d. March 5, 1826. Eight of their nine children were b. and bap. in this town.

32 I. *Nathaniel*, b. Dec. 20, 1778; he was a merchant in Williston, Vt.; md. May 16, 1802, Sally Ives. He d. Nov. 6, 1830; she d. Jan. 13, 1826. One child.

33 II. *Rufus*, b. Sept. 27, 1781; a farmer, merchant and postmaster in Bridport, Vt., where he d. March 30, 1827. He md. April 7, 1807, Mary Cloyes, b. in Framingham July 22, 1785, dau. of Peter and Polly (Nixon) Cloyes and a niece of Capt. Elijah Cloyes an early settler in Fitzwilliam, N. H. She d. Sept. 8, 1849. Four children.

34 III. *Richard*, b. Nov. 8, 1783; a merchant in Brandon, Vt. He md. June 28, 1807, Hannah H. Goodnow, dau. of Daniel Goodnow of Rutland. He d. Aug. 22, 1821; she d. Dec. 12, 1867. Five children.

35 IV. *Otis*, b. Jan. 22, 1786; d. May 21, 1805.

36 V. *Nabby*, b. June 13, 1788; d. May 4, 1805.

37 VI. *Lucinda*, b. Sept. 23, 1791; d. May 9, 1805.

38 VII. *Matilda*, b. Feb. 8, 1795; d. May 2, 1805.

39 VIII. *Rebecca*, b. Sept. 7, 1797; d. July 17, 1803.

40 IX. *Sarah B.*, b. Dec. 23, 1800; d. July 12, 1803.

- 41 WILLIAM HARRIS, son of George Harris, was b. 1763. It is tradition that he was a son of George Harris of Concord. A prolonged search has not discovered a record of his birth and his first marriage. About 1796 with his wife Betsey and an infant son he settled in the northwest part of this town, adjacent to the line of Winchendon. His wife d. June 6, 1807, aged, says Mr. Cushing, "between 40 and 50 years." He md. (2d) 1808, Rebecca (Weston) Ingalls, dau. of Charles and Rebecca (Potter) Weston; md. (3d) widow Hannah Edwards of Ashby. In 1820 he removed over the line into Winchendon, where he d. July 5, 1837. Hannah, his wife, d. April 9, 1837.
- 42 I. *Humphrey*, b. in Concord, March 28, 1795. +
- 43 II. *Jonathan*, b. June 20, 1798; md. Sally Howe, b. Sept. 18, 1801, dau. of Perley and Jane T. (Belcher) Howe of Gardner. He resided in Ashburnham, Rindge and Gardner. There were several children but no record has been received.
- 44 III. *William*, b. Aug. 28, 1799. +
- 45 IV. *Reuben*, b. Sept. 2, 1801; resided in Winchendon. He was enterprising in business and prominent in town affairs. He md. Rowena Woodbury, dau. of Col. Jacob B. and Hannah (Roberts) Woodbury. He d. June 4, 1873; his widow d. June 14, 1883. Their son, Jacob B. Harris, represented the district of Ashburnham and Winchendon in the Legislature 1858.
- 46 V. *Amos*, b. Sept. 26, 1803; removed to New York.
- 47 VI. *Betsey*, b. —; md. — Sargent, and removed to the West.
- 48 VII. *Mary*, b. —; md. John Estey of Winchendon.
- 49 VIII. *Lucy*, b. —; md. — Conant.

(42) HUMPHREY HARRIS, son of William, was a Methodist preacher. *Vide* page 512. He md. Feb. 28, 1815, Mary Willard, dau. of Silas Willard, Esq., *q. v.* While temporarily employed by his brother Reuben in Winchendon he was killed by a falling tree.

- 50 I. *Humphrey*, b. March 19, 1815. +
- 51 II. *Cynthia*, b. Jan. 8, 1817; md. Sept. 5, 1846, Albert Richardson.
- 52 III. *Lysander B.*, b. Dec. 30, 1823. He was of the firm Eaton & Harris, manufacturers of spools and match stock, and for twenty-five years has resided in New York State.

- (44) WILLIAM HARRIS, son of William, md. July 2, 1823, Hepsibah Flint, b. May 12, 1795, dau. of Nathan Flint of Winchendon. He was a farmer and rebuilt the house occupied by his father in this town. He d. Nov. 9, 1867; his wife d. Dec. 28, 1858. Six children.
- 53 i. *Minerva N.*, b. July 22, 1824; md. Elvirous Waters; he d. in Winchendon; she d. in Athol Oct. 20, 1862.
- 54 ii. *Martha*, b. May 18, 1826; d. Oct. 14, 1844.
- 55 iii. *Elbridge N.*, b. Oct. 23, 1828; resided in Athol and now in Lawrence. For many years he has been connected with the Rodney Hunt Machine Company at Orange, and is treasurer of the Corporation. He has been a deacon of First Baptist church in Lawrence twelve years. He md. March 19, 1851, — Merriam.
- 56 iv. *Charles H.*, b. May 25, 1830. He resides at Jamaica, Long Island, N. Y., where he has been a station agent thirty-one years. He is a deacon of the Congregational church in Jamaica. He md. Dec. 17, 1851, Sarah Woods of Fitchburg.
- 57 v. *William Watson*, b. Nov. 2, 1832; d. Nov. 13, 1847.
- 58 vi. *Frank N.*, b. March 21, 1836; md. April 30, 1862, Elmira C. Davis, dau. of Dea. John C. Davis, *q. v.* He d. at Jamaica, Long Island, Sept. 20, 1869; his widow resides in this town.
- 59 1. Arthur E., b. July 4, 1863; resides in this town.
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- (50) HUMPHREY HARRIS, son of Humphrey, md. March 8, 1838, Emeline W. Clark, dau. of Levi Clark, *q. v.* She d. June 29, 1880; he md. (2d) Aug. 17, 1881, Mrs. Susan (Marvin) Stearns of Westminster. He is a farmer in the northwest part of the town.
- 60 i. *Mary*, b. Jan. 24, 1839; md. Jan. 22, 1873, Sidney W. Benjamin, son of Stillman D. Benjamin, *q. v.*
- 61 ii. *Harriet L.*, b. Sept. 20, 1841; unmd.; resides in Worcester.
- 62 iii. *Frances*, b. Aug. 6, 1843; d. Feb. 27, 1846.
- 63 iv. *Charles F.*, b. Nov. 30, 1848; md. May 13, 1879, Aletia R. Wilder, b. Sept. 20, 1853, dau. of John R. and Sarah A. (Stewart) Wilder of Ashby. Resides on the homestead.

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| 64 | v. <i>George F.</i> , b. Oct. 22, 1854; md. Oct. 13, 1886, Edith C. Wood of Winchendon. |
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| 65 | JOSEPH HARRIS, a son of Joseph Harris of Acton, was b. Jan. 28, 1780. He md. April 7, 1829, Sarah A. (Russell) Cutter, dau. of Thomas Russell, <i>q. v.</i> , and widow of Ephraim Cutter, <i>q. v.</i> He resided on the Samuel Wilder or Phillips farm, now owned by his son Joseph H. Harris, and commonly called the Harris place. He d. July 29, 1886. |
| 66 | i. <i>Susan R.</i> , b. April 3, 1830; md. Jan. 12, 1860, Samuel D. Holt, son of Abiel Holt, <i>q. v.</i> |
| 67 | ii. <i>Joseph II.</i> , b. Dec. 25, 1832.† |
| 68 | iii. <i>Ellen Maria</i> , b. May 20, 1834. |
| 69 | iv. <i>James R.</i> , b. Nov. 19, 1835; d. July 12, 1837. |
| 70 | v. <i>Harriet R.</i> , b. July 20, 1838; md. Oct. 14, 1876, William B. Prouty of Spencer. |
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| (67) | JOSEPH II. HARRIS md. April 22, 1868. Martha J. Perriu of Orfordville, N. H. He resides in Central Village. |
| 71 | i. <i>Mary E.</i> , b. Aug. 29, 1869. |

HASTINGS.

The name of Hastings has been constant in this town since 1783. The first of the name in Ashburnham were of the fifth generation in New England. The emigrant ancestor Thomas Hastings, aged 29, and wife Susanna embarked from Ipswich, England, April 10, 1634, and settled in Watertown. The following year he was admitted freeman and he was subsequently a selectman twenty-eight years. He was town clerk and a representative and for many years a deacon of the church in Watertown. His wife Susanna d. Feb. 2, 1650, and he md. (2d) April, 1651, Margaret Cheney, dau. of William and Martha Cheney of Roxbury, who was the mother of all his children. He d. 1685, aged 80 years.

Samuel, the youngest of the eight children of Dea. Thomas and Margaret (Cheney) Hastings, was b. March 12, 1665. He md. Jan. 1, 1687, Lydia Church, dau. of Caleb and Joanna (Sprague) Church. She was b. in Dedham July 4, 1661, and d. at the age of thirty years. He md. (2d) April 24, 1694, Elizabeth Nevison, b. Oct. 22, 1675, dau. of John and Elizabeth Nevison. She d. 1700. He md. (3d) July 10, 1701, Sarah Coolidge, dau. of Simon and Hannah (Barron) Coolidge. He also resided in Watertown, where he d. 1722 or 1723. His widow d. 1724.

Nathaniel, youngest of the seven children of Samuel Hastings, was a son of the third wife. He md. April 16, 1734, Esther Perry, dau. of Samuel and Margaret (Traine) Perry. They removed to the North Parish of Shrewsbury, now Boylston. Of the six children of Samuel Hastings, the eldest son was Samuel Hastings, Jr., b. in Shrewsbury 1735; md. Oct. 26, 1757, Anna Bigelow, dau. of Joseph and Martha (Brigham) Bigelow. They removed to Princeton about 1759, where he d. Sept. 9, 1823, aged 88 years. Of their four sons two, Charles and Ezra, removed to this town.

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- 1 CAPT. CHARLES HASTINGS, son of Samuel and Anna (Bigelow) Hastings, was b. in Princeton Nov. 26, 1760. He md. June 3, 1782, Anna Woods, dau. of Samuel and Tabitha Woods, and removed to Ashburnham 1783. He was an honest man and a good citizen. His service in the Revolution is stated in Chap. VI. He d. Nov. 28, 1850. His wife d. Dec. 19, 1825.
- 2 I. *Betsey*, b. Nov. 25, 1782; md. March 16, 1805, David Randall, *q. v.*; md. (2d) 1808, Joseph Spaulding, *q. v.*; md. (3d) Joel Conant of Acton.
- 3 II. *Ezra*, b. Dec. 4, 1784; d. Sept. 13, 1801.
- 4 III. *John*, b. Sept. 18, 1787. +
- 5 IV. *Anna B.*, b. Feb. 19, 1790; md. Asa Sawtell, *q. v.*
- 6 V. *Sally*, b. June 2, 1792; md. Col. Charles Barrett, *q. v.*
- 7 VI. *Lydia*, b. Dec. 21, 1794; md. Joshua Stowell, *q. v.*
- 8 VII. *Samuel*, b. July 10, 1797; d. Dec. 23, 1803.
- 9 VIII. *Charles*, b. June 16, 1800. +
- 10 IX. *Leonard Woods*, b. Aug. 14, 1803. +
- 11 X. *Joseph B.*, b. Aug. 11, 1805. +
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- (4) JOHN HASTINGS was a model citizen, loyal to the interests of his town and exact and honorable in all his dealings with his fellowmen. He filled many positions of trust and was the sexton many years. He md. Nov. 4, 1810, Sarah Green, b. Dec. 9, 1792, dau. of Oliver and Dorothy (Hildreth) Green, *q. v.* She d. Nov. 20, 1822; he md. (2d) Oct. 6, 1823, Melinda Bolles of Westminster, Vt., b. Feb. 16, 1800. He d. Aug. 25, 1879. There were seven children by the first and ten by the second marriage.
- 12 I. *Julia Augusta*, b. Sept. 3, 1811; md. March 24, 1836, James H. Laws of Westminster, son of James and Thankful Laws. She d. Nov. 19, 1885.
- 13 II. *Infant*, b. and d. Nov. 1, 1813.
- 14 III. *Mary Coolidge*, b. March 20, 1815; md. June 11, 1840, William Baker of Gardner, now of Philadelphia; she d. July 28, 1864.
- 15 IV. *Infant*, b. Jan. 3, 1817; d. Jan. 7, 1817.
- 16 V. *John Newton*, b. March 1, 1818. +
- 17 VI. *Sarah Hildreth*, b. March 4, 1821; md. Albert T. Bemis, *q. v.*
- 18 VII. *Rebecca Elizabeth*, b. July 27, 1822; d. Dec. 14, 1823.
- 19 VIII. *Infant*, b. May 22, 1824; d. May 23, 1824.

- 20 IX. *Rebecca Elizabeth*, b. May 1, 1825; d. Sept. 24, 1844.
- 21 X. *Infant*, b. Dec. 6, 1826; d. Dec. 7, 1826.
- 22 XI. *Anna Melinda*, b. Feb. 1, 1828; d. unmd. Sept. 23, 1853.
- 23 XII. *Leonard*, b. Feb. 19, 1830; md. 1860, Sarah F. Manning of Templeton; d. in this town May 2, 1872. There were three children.
- 24 XIII. *Charles Lyman*, b. May 20, 1832; d. Jan. 10, 1839.
- 25 XIV. *Stephen Cushing*, b. Dec. 4, 1834. +
- 26 XV. *Caroline Amelia*, b. June 4, 1838; d. July 31, 1864.
- 27 XVI. *Martha Jane*, b. June 12, 1840; md. March 21, 1874, John S. Woods, son of John Woods, *q. v.*
- 28 XVII. *Infant*, b. Feb. 16, d. Feb. 20, 1844.

(9) CHARLES HASTINGS was a merchant a few years on the old common. In 1830 he sold the farm and the store to Lemuel Stimson and subsequently removed to New Ipswich. He was postmaster of New Ipswich from March 10, 1843, to July 3, 1845. Soon after the last date he returned to his native town and has resided in the Central Village. In age he has manifested infirmities, yet the stronger and better traits of his character have not been obscured. Through life he has been tenacious in controversy and equally constant in his attachments and friendship. To the memory of the dead whom he has respected and loved his heart is responsive and his works are characteristic of his best and warmest impulses. Recognizing the elevated character of Col. Joseph Jewett he supplemented his gift of land and buildings to Cushing Academy with the memorial name of Jewett Hall. He md. Dec. 15, 1824, Susan Wellington Hill, dau. of Isaac Hill, *q. v.*; she d. Dec. 17, 1870.

(10) LEONARD W. HASTINGS md. 1832, Elvira Burrows of New Ipswich; md. (2d) Martha Colburn of Temple. He resided in this town a few years and later in New Ipswich, where he d. April 11, 1882.

(11) JOSEPH B. HASTINGS md. Nov. 21, 1827, Adaline Woods, dau. of Asa Woods, *q. v.* He resided in this town until 1853, when he removed to Brookline, where he d. Sept. 28, 1883. His widow resides in West Berlin.

29 I. *Mary W.*, b. Nov. 13, 1828; md. Sept. 2, 1847, Milton J. Scollay, son of Grover Scollay, *q. v.*

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- 10 II. *Adaline*, b. July 4, d. July 18, 1833.
 - 11 III. *Joseph Henry*, b. Oct. 23, 1834 ; d. Nov. 9, 1855.
 - 12 IV. *Levi W.*, b. May 11, 1840 ; md. Sept 27, 1863,
 Abbie J. Goldsmith, dau. of George W. and
 Ruth (Hutchins) Goldsmith ; resides in Brook-
 line.
 - 3 V. *Herbert Eugene*, b. Aug. 28, 1846 ; md. 1868, —
 Kemp : resides in Jamaica Plain.
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6) JOHN N. HASTINGS md. Sept. 25, 1838, Sarah Rice Taylor, dau. of Ephraim Taylor, *q. v.* He has been a deacon of the Congregational church since 1870. He resides on Chapel street.

- 4 I. *Charles Newton*, b. Oct. 10, 1846 ; d. Aug. 22, 1867.
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15) STEPHEN C. HASTINGS md. Jan. 29, 1853, Emily N. Stowell, dau. of Moses Stowell, *q. v.* He is a merchant in Providence. R. I.

- 5 I. *Abbie Augusta*, b. May 9, 1853.
 - 6 II. *Anna Maria*, b. Feb. 16, 1855 ; md. Charles Stebbins ; d. in New Haven, Conn., March 3, 1884.
 - 7 III. *Ella*, b. Aug. 12, 1860.
 - 8 IV. *Charles Lyman*, b. Jan. 25, 1872 ; d. May 26, 1879.
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9 EZRA HASTINGS, a brother of Capt. Charles Hastings, b. 1772, md. Sept. 3, 1796, Polly Mirick of Princeton. At the time of his marriage, or previously, he settled in this town. He d., *felo de se*, Feb. 14, 1815. The widow and children removed to Indiana.

- 0 I. *James Mirick*, b. July 28, 1796, according to the record.
 - 1 II. *Stephen*, b. May 2, 1798.
 - 2 III. *Polly*, b. July 14, 1800 ; d. Oct. 19, 1801.
 - 3 IV. *Amos*, b. Sept. 24, 1802.
 - 4 V. *Mary*, b. Jan. 8, 1807.
 - 5 VI. *Louisa*.
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6 NATHANIEL HASTINGS, of another family, with wife Jemima removed to this town in 1771. He was in Capt. Davis' company 1775, and probably removed from town soon after that date.

- 47 i. *Amasa*, b. Oct. 19, 1772.
- 48 ii. *Sylvanus*, b. Dec. 24, 1773.
- 49 iii. *Azubah*, bap. Aug. 27, 1775.

HAVEN.

The Havens of this town were from Hopkinton, and are descendants of Richard Haven, who with wife Susannah emigrated from the west of England and settled in Lynn in 1644 or 1645. They had twelve children all b. in Lynn. The mother d. Feb. 7, 1682, and Richard, the father, d. between May 21, 1701, the date of his will, and June 14, 1703, when it was proved. Nathaniel Haven, son of Richard the emigrant, was b. June 30, 1664, and by wife Elizabeth had ten children. He resided in Lynn and later in Framingham, where he d. 1746, aged 82. He was a town officer in Framingham and a man of influence. Nathaniel Haven, son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Haven, b. in Framingham Sept. 8, 1704, md. June 10, 1724, Hepsibah Rugg and removed to Hopkinton, where he md. (2d) Dec. 7, 1741, Abigail (Clark) Rice, widow of Jason Rice of Sudbury; and (3d) 1753, Hannah Ware. He d. 1763, aged 59 years. Among the seven children of Nathaniel and Hepsibah (Rugg) Haven was Jonathan Haven of Ashburnham.

- 1 JONATHAN HAVEN, son of Nathaniel and Hepsibah (Rugg) Haven, was b. in Hopkinton April 29, 1728. He md. Aug. 24, 1749, Elizabeth Haven. They resided in Hopkinton, where their children were b., until about 1785 when he removed to this town and settled where his grandsons Jonas and Elijah Haven now live. He d. July 30, 1791: his widow d. May 7, 1809.
 - 2 i. *Jerusha*, b. June 1, 1750.
 - 3 ii. *Lois*, b. June 27, 1753; d. unmd. in Ashburnham June 21, 1820.
 - 4 iii. *Hezekiah*, b. Oct. 1, 1755.
 - 5 iv. *Elizabeth*, b. Sept. 15, 1757; md. 1778, James Stone of Southboro'. They removed to Fitzwilliam, N. H., about 1781, where she lived to an advanced age. Nine children.
 - 6 v. *Hepsibah*, b. Sept. 3, 1759.
 - 7 vi. *Jonathan*, b. July 31, 1765.+
 - 8 vii. *John*, b. Aug. 31, 1767.+
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- (7) JONATHAN HAVEN md. April 8, 1792, Zerviah Rice, dau. of Jason and Susannah (Haven) Rice of Hopkinton. She d. Sept. 8, 1821; he md. (2d) Nov. 13, 1822, Saloma Withington, b. in Fitzwilliam, N. H., Jan. 5, 1787, dau. of William and Martha (Locke) Withington. She d. Feb. 19, 1842, aged 55 years. He d. Jan. 7, 1837.
 - 9 i. *Betsy*, b. May 24, 1793; md. Nathaniel D. Ward, q. v.
 - 10 ii. *Susannah*, b. March 13, 1795; d. April 19, 1795.
 - 11 iii. *Jonathan*, b. April 18, 1796; d. Nov. 22, 1813.

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8) JOHN HAVEN md. Sept. 23, 1804, Anna Wood, dau. of Jonas Wood of Fitzwilliam, N. H. She d. June 3, 1821; he md. (2d) Oct. 1, 1821, Betsey Blodgett. He was a farmer in this town. He d. Dec. 25, 1830; his widow d. 1857.

2 I. Jonas, b. Sept., 1806; md. June 24, 1852, Eme-line Fassett of Fitzwilliam, N. H. A farmer, residing near his brother, Elijah Haven, on the homestead.

3 II. Lois, b. July 31, 1809; unmd.; resides in this town.

4 III. Elijah, b. Feb. 17, 1812; md. April 3, 1842, Nancy Ward, dau. of Nathaniel D. Ward, q. v. They have three children by adoption.

5 1. Augustus O., b. Jan. 18, 1846; d. Jan. 17, 1855.

6 2. Charles Abbott, b. Oct. 10, 1853; md. July 12, 1873, Mary E. Lane, dau. of Amos F. Lane, q. v. He d. Oct. 17, 1883.

7 3. Anna Dawn, b. May 5, 1871.

8 IV. Jerusha, b. Sept. 30, 1815; d. July 17, 1819.

1 NEWTON HAYDEN, b. in Groton Dec. 5, 1827, son of Luther and Betsey (Austin) Hayden, lived in this town about thirty years and removed to Fitchburg in 1876. He was a merchant several years and was town clerk five years. He md. April 5, 1849, Sarah A. Whitney, dau. of William Whitney, q. v.

2 I. Ella Mercy, b. Dec. 29, 1849; md. 1872, Charles A. Smith.

3 II. William P. b. July 14, 1852.

4 III. Minnie Belle, b. Nov. 2, 1868.

1 EDWIN HAYWARD, son of Stephen and Mehitabel (Rich) Hayward, was b. in Worcester Dec. 20, 1821. Stephen Hayward, the father, d. Nov. 22, 1835, and she md. (2d) Abraham Dwinnell and d. in this town May 31, 1862. Edwin Hayward removed to Ashburnham 1837. Subsequently he was foreman in the employ of Burrage Bros., and during the past twenty years he has been in the lumber and meat business. He came to Ashburnham unmarried and has maintained his position.

- 1 HARVEY HEALD, son of John Heald, was b. in Shirley Sept. 20, 1797. He resided successively in Hinsdale, Lanesboro', Royalston and Ashburnham. He removed to this town 1836, where he d. March 12, 1867. He md. Nov. 9, 1826, Susan Kibling, dau. of Henry Kibling, *q. v.*
- 2 I. *George*, b. Aug. 15, 1827. +
- 3 II. *Newton*, b. May 6, 1831; md. Feb. 9, 1857, Sarah Elizabeth Gilson. He d. in this town Jan. 27, 1860.
- 4 III. *Henry*, b. April 5, 1833; md. Feb. 19, 1853, Mary E. Lovell. He d. in this town Aug. 26, 1854.
- 5 IV. *Susan*, b. Nov. 8, 1834; d. June 24, 1836.
- 6 V. *Charles Harvey*, b. Jan. 17, 1836; md. Sept. 10, 1867, Cornelia E. Haywood. He is a carpenter and resides in Northampton. He served through the war of the Rebellion and was promoted to first lieutenant. He was twice wounded, and was a prisoner four months within the rebel lines.
- 7 VI. *Lewis Brigham*, b. March 5, 1839; md. Oct. 12, 1867, Mary Sophia Remick. He is a carpenter in St. Johnsbury, Vt. He served in the war of the Rebellion, participating in the Mississippi campaign, the siege of Vicksburg and Sherman's grand march to the sea.

(2) GEORGE HEALD is one of the few representatives of the Kibling family remaining in this town. He is a farmer and resides in Lane Village on the homestead of his father and by two generations of the Kibling family. He md. March 8, 1860, Lucia A. Williams.

- 8 I. *Lewis B.*, b. June 8, 1863.
- 9 II. *Susan Ellen*, b. Dec. 3, 1871.

1 EBENEZER HEMENWAY, a resident of Ashburnham, was the son of Rev. Phinehas and Sarah (Stevens) Hemenway, and was b. in Townsend. He was bap. March 14, 1735, but there is no record of his birth. Rev. Phinehas Hemenway, the father, son of Joshua and Rebecca Hemenway of Framingham, was the first minister of Townsend. Ebenezer Hemenway settled in Ashburnham as early as 1758. He resided at the old common, and during the later years of his life he succeeded Dea. Moses Foster as an innholder. He was frequently elected to office and his name is familiar to the readers of the early annals of Ashburnham. He md. Nov. 23, 1758, Elizabeth Moore.

He d. Dec. 10, 1776, aged about 42 years. His widow d. in this town April 16, 1788.

- 2 I. *Phinehas*, b. 1762; md. July 10, 1787, *Mary Conn*, dau. of John Conn, *q. v.* He was a Revolutionary soldier. An infant, aged three years, d. here Jan. 2, 1792. A continued record has not been secured.
 - 3 II. *Ebenezer*, b. 1764.
 - 4 III. *Lucy*, b. 1765; md. Capt. John Scollay, *q. v.*
 - 5 IV. *Moses Foster*, b. March 10, 1768.
 - 6 V. *Levi*, b. Jan. 15, 1770; d. April 19, 1772.
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- 7 JOSHUA HEMENWAY resided a few years in this town. He was in the Revolutionary service and upon the rolls of Capt. Gates' and Capt. Wilder's companies his residence is stated. He removed from town soon after and left no additional record. It is probable that he was a younger brother of Ebenezer Hemenway.
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- 1 REV. SHUBEL R. HERRICK, son of Zimri and Mary (Brigham) Herrick and a grandson of Shadrach and Abigail (Stoddard) Herrick, was b. in Chesterfield, N. H., Aug. 27, 1820. He md. April 13, 1848, *Lucy A. Shattuck*, b. June 23, 1817, dau. of Thomas C. Shattuck of Pepperell. She d. July 28, 1872; he md. (2d) April 27, 1874, *Eliza J. Baker*, dau. of Bradish Baker, *q. v.*; she d. March 29, 1877; he md. (3d) Dec. 26, 1877, *Hannah Towne Wesson*, b. Jan. 21, 1823, dau. of Asa Wesson of Phillipston. He studied theology with Rev. Elisha Andrews of Hinsdale, N. H., and was ordained at Keene, N. H., June 4, 1842. He has been settled over churches in Rockport, Pepperell and Groton, and in Keene, Claremont and Peterborough, N. H. He has preached more recently as stated supply, and is now a farmer in this town.
 - 2 I. *Mary Caroline*, b. March 5, 1849; md. 1869, *Alonzo Blood*, son of Edward F. Blood of Pepperell. She d. Jan. 7, 1876, leaving a dau., *Minnie C.*, b. May 17, 1876.
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- 3 NOYES B. HERRICK, a brother of Rev. Shubel R., was b. in Chesterfield, N. H., Sept. 11, 1833; md. *Sarah E. Whitney*; she d. Dec. 5, 1872; md. (2d) Aug. 3, 1873, *Lucy C. Ellis*, dau. of Jesse Ellis, *q. v.*; she d. July 15, 1883; md. (3d) Nov. 27, 1884, *Lydia F. (Weld) Cummings*, dau. of Daniel and Mary Weld. He is a farmer and mechanic.

- 4 RAWSON B. HERRICK, a brother of Rev. Shubel and Noyes B. Herrick, was b. in Chesterfield, N. H., June 28, 1829. He md. Nov. 27, 1853, Juliaett Cook, b. in Chesterfield, N. H., Feb. 5, 1833, dau. of Mark and Mille (Stoddard) Cook. Resides in this town.
- 1 ZIMRI HEYWOOD, son of Nathan and Esther (Willis) Heywood of Lunenburg, was b. Sept. 5, 1781, and according to the record of his birth on "Sabbath day the sun about half an hour high at night." He was an early settler of Ashburnham and his name is frequently mentioned in the early chapters of this volume. Nathan Heywood of Lunenburg and Fitchburg was a brother of Zimri and was many years one of the proprietors of the township and clerk of the propriety. Zimri Heywood md. June 5, 1756, Jane Foster, dau. of Dea. Moses Foster, q. v. When Ashby was incorporated in 1767 his farm and mill were included in that town. He removed a few years later to Winslow, Me., where he d.
- 2 i. Rebecca Willis, b. Jan. 9, 1757.
- 3 ii. Eunice, b. June 16, 1760.
- 4 iii. Nathan, b. March 15, 1762.
- 5 iv. Elizabeth, b. May 20, 1764.
- 6 v. Thomas, b. May 5, 1766.

HILL.

The American ancestry of the Hill family, of which Gov. Isaac Hill of New Hampshire is an illustrious representative, is found in Paige's History of Cambridge and also in Wyman's Genealogies and Estates of Charlestown. For valuable supplementary record I am indebted to Horatio Hill, Esq., of Chicago, who was formerly a resident of this town.

Abraham Hill, b. 1615, is found in Charlestown 1636. He was admitted freeman May 13, 1640. He was one of a committee of ten, appointed by the County Commissioners, to determine what bridges should be built and maintained, and May 15, 1657, they reported in relation to the Mystic River Bridge. He resided in the part of Charlestown now included in Malden, where he d. Feb. 13, 1669-70. Inventory of estate £633. He md. Sarah Long, b. 1617, dau. of Robert Long who embarked from Dunstable, Bedfordshire, England, in 1635. Zechariah Hill, son of Abraham and Sarah (Long) Hill, b. probably about 1645, md. Sept. 24, 1668, Deborah Norton, dau. of Capt. Francis and Mary Norton of Charlestown. He d. early and his widow md. (2d) Matthew Griffin and d. 1698.

Abraham Hill, son of Zechariah (not a son of Abraham, Jr., as assumed by Paige), was b. 1672; resided in Charlestown and removed to Cambridge, where he d. March 9, 1746. He md. Sarah Cooper, dau. of Timothy Cooper of Groton. She d. March 30, 1752. Zechariah Hill, son of Abraham and Sarah (Cooper) Hill, b. 1708, md. Feb. 10, 1731-2, Rebecca Cutter, dau. of Dea. John and Lydia Cutter. He resided in Cambridge, now Arlington, where he was committee man and assessor; he d. March 10, 1768; his widow md. (2d) Dec. 11, 1770, Samuel Carter and d. Feb. 1, 1797. Abraham Hill, son of Zechariah and Rebecca (Cutter) Hill, b. about 1734, md. Feb. 16,

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8, Susannah Wellington, dau. of Thomas Wellington of Cambridge. He died in Cambridge, now Arlington, and was a soldier in the French and Indian wars, and of the Revolution. He d. Dec. 16, 1812; his wife d. 1797. Among the seven children of Abraham and Susannah (Wellington) Hill was Isaac Hill who removed to Ashburnham.

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| 1 | ISAAC HILL, son of Abraham and Susannah (Wellington) Hill, was b. in Cambridge Precinct, now Arlington, May 8, 1766; he md. Hannah Russell, b. Feb. 8, 1772, dau. of Walter and Hannah (Adams) Russell. <i>Vide</i> Adams and Russell registers. They resided in Charlestown a year or more after their marriage, then in Cambridge Precinct and removed to Ashburnham with five children in 1797. He purchased the farm of Ethan Wetherbee, who md. a dau. of Capt. Thomas Adams. The farm was a part of the original Cambridge grant in the southeast part of the town. It now constitutes a part of the estate of the late Ward Russell. Disposing of the farm in 1819 the family removed to the Central Village. He d. Dec. 23, 1843; she d. March 1, 1847. A monument erected by Charles and Susan W. (Hill) Hastings marks their resting place in the old cemetery. |
| 2 | I. <i>Isaac</i> , b. April 6, 1788. + |
| 3 | II. <i>Walter Russell</i> , b. Feb. 22, 1790. + |
| 4 | III. <i>Hannah Russell</i> , b. Oct. 31, 1792; md. George R. Cushing, Esq., <i>q. v.</i> |
| 5 | IV. <i>Sultina</i> , b. June 2, 1795; md. Reuben Townsend, Esq., <i>q. v.</i> |
| 6 | V. <i>Susan Wellington</i> , b. Oct. 3, 1797; md. Charles Hastings, <i>q. v.</i> |
| 7 | VI. <i>Mary Adams</i> , b. July 10, 1800; md. Aug. 26, 1820, Jacob Bailey Moore. + |
| 8 | VII. <i>George Washington</i> , b. Jan. 4, 1804. + |
| 9 | VIII. <i>Horatio</i> , b. March 19, 1807. + |
| 10 | IX. <i>Rebecca Russell</i> , b. July 3, 1810; md. Hon. John R. Reding. + |
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- (2) HON. ISAAC HILL md. Feb. 2, 1814, Susan Ayer, dau. of Capt. Richard Ayer of Concord, N. H., who d. June 17, 1881. No name is more potent or familiar in the political annals of New Hampshire than that of Isaac Hill. A sketch of his eminent service appears in Chap. XX. He d. at Washington, D. C., March 22, 1851, and was buried at Concord, N. H.
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| 11 | I. <i>William Pickering</i> , b. Oct. 18, 1819; md. Oct. 26, 1843. Clara Ann West, b. Dec. 17, 1820, dau. of John West, Jr., of Concord. Resides |
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- in Concord; was many years New Hampshire correspondent of Boston *Herald*.
- 12 II. *John McClary*, b. Nov. 5, 1821; md. Nov. 15, 1843, Elizabeth Lord Chace. Resides in Concord. He was Democratic candidate for Governor of New Hampshire 1884.
- 13 III. *Georgiana Toscan*, b. Oct. 1, 1824; d. Sept. 12, 1825.
- 14 IV. *Isaac Andrew*, b. Sept. 16, 1827; md. Oct. 5, 1858, Sarah Ann Sanderson, born Sept. 19, 1839, dau. of Charles C. and Amanda (Stevens) Sanderson. He resides in Concord, and many years was Register of Probate for county of Merrimack.

- (3) WALTER RUSSELL HILL served an apprenticeship with his brother, Hon. Isaac Hill, and in 1811 a business partnership was formed under the firm name of I. and W. R. Hill, commencing with the 105th number of the *Patriot*. In a few years he manifested increasing evidences of mental alienation which terminated in hopeless insanity. For very nearly thirty years he was an inmate of an insane asylum. He d. unmd. at Concord, N. H., Dec. 8, 1855.

- (7) JACOB BAILEY MOORE md. Aug. 26, 1820, Mary Adams Hill. He was born in Andover, N. H., 1797. From 1819 to 1823 he was a partner of Gov. Hill in the publication of the *Patriot*. In 1826, in connection with a brother Henry E. Moore, he established the New Hampshire *Journal* which, five years later, was consolidated with the *Statesman and Register*. The *Patriot* of Gov. Hill and the *Journal* of Mr. Moore, representing the adherents of Jackson and of Adams, reflected the vigor of the political sentiment of that period, sparing neither plain speech nor curt repartee for the sake of relationship. He was Register of Deeds and Sheriff of Merrimack county. Subsequently he resided and labored in New York, Washington and San Francisco, being postmaster of San Francisco from 1849 to 1852. In the midst of other labor he responded to a genuine love for historical research, and his publications in connection with John Farmer remain an enduring monument. He d. Sept. 1, 1853. Mrs. Moore d. Feb. 13, 1886. She was a lady of rare accomplishments and many excellencies of character. Their children were born at Concord.

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- 15 I. *Lucretia*, md. Warren Osborn, an importer and
dealer in India goods in San Francisco. He d.
16 ———. She resides in New York.
- 16 II. *George Henry*, md. 1850, Mary Richards; resides
in New York. George H. Moore, LL. D., is
Librarian of Lenox Library.
- 17 III. *Charles Carrol*, md. Maria Coddington.
- 18 IV. *Frank*, md. Laura Bailey; he is author of *Rebellion*
Record.
- 19 V. *Jacob Bailey*.
- 20 VI. *Mary*, md. Edward Jones and d. in California.

(8) GEORGE WASHINGTON HILL md. May 20, 1828, Sabrina Woodbury, b. Feb. 4, 1804, dau. of Mark and Alice (Boyd) Woodbury of Antrim, N. H.; she d. May 3, 1856. He established about 1825 at Montpelier, Vt., the *Vermont Patriot* and *State Gazette* which he continued until about 1837. He was postmaster at Montpelier 1829-36. For many years he resided on his farm in Johnson, Vt. He d. March 1, 1887, aged 83 years.

- 21 I. *Mary Elizabeth*, b. May 6, 1829; d. April 2,
1832.
- 22 II. *George Woodbury*, b. July 21, 1831; d. unmd.
Dec. 1, 1855.
- 23 III. *Mary Dodge*, b. Oct. 3, 1833; d. unmd. Aug. 20,
1854.
- 24 IV. *Alice Rebecca*, b. Nov. 7, 1837.
- 25 V. *Susan Sabrina*, b. April 6, 1840; md. July 22,
1863, Morris Christie, M. D., b. Aug. 29, 1832,
son of Josiah W. and Mary (Bell) Christie and a
nephew of Hon. Daniel M. Christie of Dover,
N. H. Dr. Morris resides in Antrim, N. H.
- 26 VI. *John R. Reding*, b. April 1, 1844; md. Oct. 14,
1873, Asenath M. Sawyer. He is a farmer and
a prominent citizen of Johnson, Vt., also treas-
urer of State Normal School.

(9) HORATIO HILL, youngest son of Isaac and Hannah (Russell) Hill, at the age of fourteen years was apprenticed to his brother Isaac and labored in the office of the *Patriot* and in the book-store until he attained his majority. In the meantime he attended the public schools of Concord and was a student one year, 1823, at the Literary Scientific and Military Academy at Norwich, Vt. In 1829, Isaac Hill having been appointed Comptroller of the Treasury, Horatio Hill and Col. Cyrus Barton

purchased the *Patriot* and the book-store and conducted the business under the firm of Horatio Hill & Co. until 1834. In 1837 Mr. Hill removed to New York and during the following six years he was connected with the publishing house of D. Appleton & Co., and subsequently was engaged in the book trade in that city until the close of the year 1849. The ensuing five years cover a residence in California and in Fitchburg, where he is remembered as a deputy-sheriff. During the past thirty years Mr. Hill has resided in Chicago, Ill. A year since he visited his native town and the familiar scenes of his childhood. Horatio Hill md. April 27, 1830, Clarissa Walker Emery, b. Oct. 31, 1810, dau. of Capt. Charles and Polly (Walker) Emery of Concord, N. H.; she died Sept. 19, 1839; he married (2d) April 14, 1841, Elizabeth Lewis Wilds, b. Sept. 24, 1820, dau. of Royal and Sarah (French) Wilds.

- 27 i. *Sarah Elizabeth*, b. July 31, 1831; md. Jan. 26, 1855, Enoch Gibson Hooke (Dartmouth College 1849); he is a lawyer; Chicago 1854-79; removed to Colorado 1879; now at Colorado Spring, Col. Mrs. Hooke died March 9, 1885.
- 28 ii. *Charles Isaac*, b. Dec. 2, 1833; d. Sept. 24, 1834.
- 29 iii. *Charles*, b. and d. July, 1835.
- 30 iv. *George Reding*, b. Jan. 23, 1842; d. unm. June 17, 1864.
- 31 v. *Clara Rebecca*, b. —; md. Oct. 3, 1876, Edward H. Buckingham.
- 32 vi. *Ella Mary*.
- 33 vii. *Hattie Crocker*, b. —; d. Sept. 3, 1862.

- (10) HON. JOHN R. REDING, son of John and Mercy S. (Randall) Reding, b. in Portsmouth, N. H., Oct. 18, 1805, md. Oct. 11, 1830, Rebecca Russell Hill. Mr. Reding, having served an apprenticeship with Gov. Hill in the *Patriot* office, established at Haverhill in 1828 the *Democratic Republican*, the first number being issued July 24. He continued a residence in Haverhill until 1853, where he was a selectman, postmaster, and engaged in several business ventures. He built on contract the Court House at Haverhill and the fire-proof accommodations for the county records. In the meantime he was twice elected a Member of Congress 1841-5. His wife d. at Washington Jan. 28, 1844. There is entered on the House Journal Jan. 31, 1844, "On motion of Mr. Burke, by leave, it was unanimously resolved that the speaker be directed to adjourn this House this day at the hour of two

o'clock P. M." The record is followed by an explanation: "This resolution was adopted to enable the members to attend the funeral of Mrs. Rebecca Russell Reding, wife of Mr. John R. Reding, a member of the House from the State of New Hampshire." At this time there had been no precedent for this expression of respect. To the memory of a lady of Ashburnham such tribute was first paid.

Since 1853 Mr. Reding has resided in Portsmouth, N. H. He was a member of the Legislature 1867, '68, '69, and Mayor of the city 1860. In 1840 and again in 1852 he was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention. He md (2d) Jan. 14, 1846, Jane Martin of St. Johnsbury, Vt. No children.

1 DANIEL HILTON was a resident of this town several years. He was a farmer on the farm formerly occupied by William Holbrook on the old road to Winchendon. He removed from this town about 1835. No record of his marriage. The births of eleven children are recorded.

- 2 I. *Leander*, b. Nov. 7, 1810.
- 3 II. *Martha Dorinda*, b. May 10, 1812.
- 4 III. *Leonard*, b. March 13, 1814.
- 5 IV. *Julia L.*, b. June 25, 1817.
- 6 V. *Mary Ann*, b. April 2, 1819.
- 7 VI. *Jane M.*, b. Oct. 7, 1821.
- 8 VII. *Hiram*, b. Dec. 14, 1823.
- 9 VIII. *Amanda Sophia*, b. Dec. 31, 1825.
- 10 IX. *Charles*, b. Dec. 23, 1827.
- 11 X. *Hudson*, b. Feb. 27, 1830.
- 12 XI. *Elizabeth Ellen*, b. Dec. 23, 1831.

1 FRANCIS HINDS md. May 27, 1826, Lucy Kinsman, b. Sept. 4, 1804, dau. of Daniel and Lucy (Munroe) Kinsman and granddau. of Lieut. Ebenezer Munroe. After a short stay in Fitchburg and in Leominster he removed to this town about 1830. He d. Sept. 29, 1861; she md. (2d) Jonathan P. Wilder, *q. v.*

- 2 I. *Louisa Ann*, b. April 2, 1827; md. Joseph E. Clark, *q. v.*
- 3 II. *Lucy Adams*, b. Sept. 9, 1829; md. July 4, 1850, George N. Duncan. He is a millwright.
- 4 I. Frank, b. May 17, 1852; resides in Worcester.

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| 5 | 2. Junia J., b. Dec. 10, 1859; md. Charles Johnson of Gardner. |
| 6 | 3. Lillie May, b. Sept. 11, 1873. |
| 7 | III. Sarah J., b. Aug. 2, 1834; md. Warren Pratt of Gardner. |
| 8 | IV. Adaline P., b. April, 1840; md. Harvey Clark, q. v. |
| 9 | V. Ellen R., b. Jan. 5, 1848; md. George F. Corey, q. v. |
| 10 | VI. Martha E., b. Sept. 18, 1849; md. Henry Russell of Gardner. |

HOBART.

The name of Hobart, firmly and honorably engraven in the early annals of Ashburnham, does not appear in the records of the town since 1844. Daniel Hobart, the first martyr from this town in the Revolution, was a descendant from Edmund Hobart who was in Charlestown in 1633. He was a constable in 1635 and soon after removed to Hingham. The name has been written Hubbard, Hubberd, Heberd and Hobbert, but the line of descent represented in this town was written Hobart through several earlier generations. Edmund Hobart had sons Edmund, Jr., Joshua, Peter and Thomas, who were b. in Hingham, England. Three of these removed with their father to Hingham. Peter Hobart, b. 1604, son of Edmund, Sen., was admitted to the church in Charlestown 1635, and became the first minister of Hingham, and to him lands were granted in 1635. He remained in the ministry in this place until his death 1679. Rev. Gershom Hobart, b. 1645, a son of Rev. Peter Hobart, was ordained at Groton 1679, and ministered to the settlement until 1705. Concerning these early ministers much can readily be learned from sketches and local histories.

Shebuel Hobart, b. 1688, son of Rev. Gershom Hobart, by wife Martha, had eight children b. in Groton: among them was Nehemiah Hobart, b. March 13, 1717, and d. in Pepperell 1784. He md. Rachel Shattuck, b. June 9, 1719, dau. of Samuel and Mary Shattuck of Groton. They had eight children; of these, two became residents of Ashburnham. Rachel (Shattuck) Hobart d. in Ashburnham Dec. 22, 1796.

- 1 DANIEL HOBART, a son of Nehemiah and Rachel (Shattuck) Hobart, was b. in Groton Feb. 24, 1748-9. He md. Jan. 22, 1772, Kezia Weston, or Wesson as the name was frequently written. She was b. Sept. 13, 1749, and at the time of marriage she was a resident of Wilmington. In 1773 they removed to this town. He settled south of Rice pond. In 1775 he was a corporal in Capt. Gates' company and probably remained in the service during the year. In June, 1776, again he joined the army, enlisting in Capt. Joseph Flint's company of Col. Coleman's regiment. Marching by way of Springfield and Hartford to New York the regiment joined the army under Washington. At the battle of White Plains, Oct. 28, 1776, he was wounded by a musket ball in the thigh

and d. upon the field. All traditions are united in the testimony that he was an active, intelligent man and of irreproachable character. His widow continued a residence in this town, where she d. Jan. 14, 1844. There were two children of Daniel and Kezia Hobart.

- 2 i. *Nehemiah*, b. May 25, 1773; md. 1795, Lydia Randall, dau. of Stephen Randall, *q. v.* About 1801 he removed to Peru, Vt., where he d. Dec. 8, 1852.
- 3 ii. *Kezia*, b. April 11, 1775; md. Feb. 20, 1798, Dr. John Peabody of Mt. Vernon, N. H.; he d. about 1800; she md. (2d) Sept. 17, 1809, Peter Hunt, *q. v.* There were three children of Dr. John and Kezia (Hobart) Peabody.
 - 4 1. Chandler, b. May 21, 1795.
 - 5 2. Frederick, b. Feb. 12, 1797.
 - 6 3. Hobart, b. June 12, 1799.

7 SHEBUEL HOBART, a brother of Daniel Hobart, was b. in Groton Dec. 15, 1746. He md. Dec. 7, 1774, Susannah Bradford, and settled in this town on the farm, now of John T. Wilson, between 1770 and 1775. He was a farmer and an intelligent, respected citizen. He was a corporal in Capt. Davis' company in 1775, but no additional record of service in the Revolution has been found. He d. Nov. 8, 1813; his widow d. May 29, 1843, aged 84 years.

- 8 i. *Rachel*, b. Dec. 11, 1775; md. Samuel Broughton, *q. v.*
- 9 ii. *Susannah*, b. July 16, 1778; md. Henry Kibling, *q. v.*

10 THOMAS HOBART, lineage not traced, a relative of Daniel and Shebuel Hobart, md. Amy Wilder, b. Aug. 20, 1771, dau. of Samuel and Mary (Chubbuck) Wilder. They removed from Hingham to this town about 1796. He occupied a farm now owned by Walter R. Adams, and was an industrious, blameless man. His influence was good and his integrity was proverbial. He d. 1840; his wife d. 1837.

1 WILLIAM HOLBROOK, b. 1752, md. 1777, Elizabeth Rich. and removed from Scituate to this town 1782 or 1783. He was a farmer in the southwest part of the town. In 1807 he removed with his family to Westmoreland, N. H., where he d. 1825.

- 2 i. *Mabel*, b. June 29, 1778; md. April 13, 1797,
Leonard Crosby, a brother of Frederick Crosby.
- 3 ii. *William*, b. Aug. 10, 1780.
- 4 iii. *Infant*, d. in this town July 23, 1783.
- 5 iv. *Josiah*, bap. April 4, 1784; d. April 26, 1784.
- 6 v. *Jesse*, b. July 23, 1786. +
- 7 vi. *Samuel*, b. Aug. 25, 1788.
- 8 vii. *Thomas Rich*, bap. May 9, 1790; d. Dec. 4, 1792.
- 9 viii. *Polly*, b. July 1, 1794.
- 10 ix. *Joseph Rich*, b. March 6, 1797.
- 11 x. *Luther*, b. Nov. 10, 1801.

(6) JESSE HOLBROOK, son of William, md. Sept. 2, 1806, Nancy White, dau. of Elisha White, *q. v.* He was a blacksmith in this town, where he d. Aug. 4, 1867; she d. April 15, 1864.

- 12 i. *Nancy White*, b. April 30, 1807; md. Joshua Merriam, *q. v.*
- 13 ii. *Jesse Horatio*, b. Dec. 26, 1808; md. 1839, Polly Ann Wilcox; resided in Granger, N. Y.; he d. 1856. His sons, James E. and Lewis J., d. in the service in the war of the Rebellion.
- 14 iii. *Mary Eliza*, b. Sept. 2, 1811; d. 1812.
- 15 iv. *James Alexander*, b. July 14, 1812; d. unmd. 1839.
- 16 v. *Mary Eliza*, b. Aug. 12, 1814; md. Sept. 13, 1842, James L. Russell; resides in Fitchburg.
- 17 vi. *Deborah Laura*, b. March 9, 1817; unmd.; a dressmaker; resides in this town.
- 18 vii. *Sarah Dorinda*, b. July 5, 1819; d. unmd. Feb. 12, 1876.
- 19 viii. *Lois S.*, b. Nov. 29, 1821; md. Benjamin Cushing, *q. v.*
- 20 ix. *Edwin White*, b. April 20, 1824; d. Dec. 9, 1839.
- 21 x. *William Loring*, b. Aug. 2, 1826; unmd.
- 22 xi. *Ann A.*, b. Sept. 10, 1828; md. 1856, Calvin D. Strong of Fitchburg, and subsequently of Keene; he d. 1879.
- 23 xii. *Jane* (twin), b. and d. Sept. 10, 1828.

1 JOSHUA HOLDEN, with wife Huldah, came to this town 1770. He was a soldier in the Revolution, serving three enlistments; his wife died Feb. 26, 1795, aged "between 60 and 70 years." He md. (2d) Oct. 4, 1803, Phebe (Austin) Stiles, dau. of Daniel, Jr., and Phebe (Lovejoy) Austin of Lunenburg, and widow of Hezekiah Stiles of Rindge. After this marriage he resided in Rindge, where he d. Dec. 1, 1817. It is probable that Joshua and

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Huldah Holden had other and older children than the three named below.

- I. *Joshua*, b. — ; md. Feb. 3, 1795, *Lydia Parker*, and removed to Middlesex, Vt.
- II. *Reuben*, b. Sept. 13, 1770; md. 1796, *Hannah Nichols* of Royalston. He d. April 4, 1799.
- I. *Ivers*, b. Nov. 27, 1797.
- III. *John*, b. April 21, 1773; md. June 30, 1794, *Anna Perry*.

JAMES HOLDEN, perhaps a son of Joshua, resided in this town until 1804. The name of his wife was Persis.

- I. *Sally*, b. May 20, 1796.
- II. *James*, b. June 15, 1798.

URIAH HOLT was in Ashburnham from 1771 to about 1790 and possibly a few years longer. He served three enlistments in the Revolution. Only a few fragments of his history can be gleaned from the records. The nimble tongue of tradition refuses to fill the open page and little has been learned of his early and subsequent record. His wife d. in this town Nov. 28, 1779, aged 49 years; he md. (2d) June 6, 1785, *Sarah Goodridge*.

- I. *Jonathan*, bap. June 14, 1772.
- II. *Oliver*, bap. Oct. 1, 1775; d. Feb. 1, 1779.

ABIEL HOLT, son of Abiel Holt of Rindge, was b. 1790; md. 1815, *Edah Darling*, dau. of *Amos* and *Ede (Stone) Darling* of Rindge. They resided in Rindge several years; subsequently he was a messenger at the State House, Boston, several years, and removed to this town about 1848, where he d. June 10, 1864; his widow d. Oct. 30, 1864.

- I. *Samuel D.*, b. Sept. 15, 1816; md. Jan. 12, 1860, *Susan R. Harris*, dau. of *Joseph Harris*, *q. v.*
- II. *Edah Stone*, b. Feb. 1, 1819; d. Jan. 17, 1820.
- III. *Abiel Putnam* (twin), b. Feb. 1, 1819; d. March 31, 1819.
- IV. *Abiel Putnam*, b. Feb. 23, 1823; d. July 21, 1827.

LIBERTY HOLT, a brother of Abiel, was b. in Rindge April 9, 1813. He has been a manufacturer of chairs and is now a farmer in this town. He md. Nov., 1838, *Lucy Wheeler*, who d. July 13, 1863; he md. (2d) Oct. 30, 1864, *Sarah Haynes*.

- 10 | I. *Charles H.*, b. Aug. 29, 1843; md. *Mary M. Beal* of Boston; she d. Feb. 15, 1883; he resides in Ashburnham.

1 | JAMES HAYNES resided in this town from 1780 to 1814. His wife *Mary* d. Aug. 8, 1800; he md. (2d) 1801, *Phebe Phelps* of Fitchburg. The tax-lists and the record of birth of seven children furnish all the information for this register.

- 2 | I. *Achsah*, b. June 29, 1781.
 3 | II. *Polly*, b. April 8, 1783.
 4 | III. *Susannah*, b. Jan. 9, 1787.
 5 | IV. *Lucy*, b. Jan. 15, 1791.
 6 | V. *Sally*, b. Dec. 28, 1794.
 7 | VI. *Nabby*, b. May 24, 1797.
 8 | VII. *James Lee*, b. Feb. 14, 1803.

9 | REUBEN HAYNES, said to be from Leominster, with wife *Charlotte*, was here a few years about 1840.

- 10 | I. *Reuben Wesley*, b. March 14, 1840.

1 | GRANT HOUSTON, son of Ovid Houston, was in Tyngsboro' Nov. 18, 1772. He md. June 6, 1796, *Patty Fletcher*, b. 1778, dau. of *Joshua* and *Elizabeth* (Raymond) *Fletcher* of Westfield. He removed to this town about 1806, where he d. Nov. 8, 1852; she d. Feb. 8, 1849.

- 2 | I. *Sarah*, b. March 12, 1798; md. April 20, 1837, *Noah Mansfield*, son of *Levi Mansfield* of Rindge. He has resided many years at Lane Village. She d. Nov. 27, 1858.

- 3 | 1. *Sarah Jane*, b. March 25, 1838; d. unmd. Sept. 11, 1861.

- 4 | 2. *Horace Ovid*, b. July 27, 1839; md. Jan. 1, 1865, *Persis F. Dearth*, b. May 22, 1841, dau. of *Asa Dearth* of Bath, N. H.

- 5 | II. *Horace Walpole*, b. June 23, 1808. +

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- (5) HORACE W. HOUSTON was a farmer and for several years he owned a saw-mill in the seventh school district. He md. Dec. 9, 1829, *Catherine Tuckerman* who d., leaving two children, Feb. 14, 1860; md. (2d) Jan. 8, 1861, *Elizabeth P. Collins*; md. (3d) Aug. 9, 1874, *Maria J. Foss*. He d. Jan. 22, 1886.

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- 6 I. *Julia E.*, b. June 22, 1832; md. June 8, 1870,
James F. West; resides in Haverhill. Mrs.
West began to sing in childhood and with each
succeeding year her voice improved with culture
and in volume. For many years she was among
the best known and favorite soprano singers of
New England.
- 7 II. *Julius A.*, b. Nov. 29, 1834; md. July 26, 1861,
Althea L. Temple of Keene, N. H. He resides
in South Acton.

1 THOMAS HOWARD was b. in Hingham Sept. 30, 1779.
He was a son of Thomas and Sarah (Mansfield) Howard
and a brother of Edward Howard whose son Edward is
the founder of the Howard Watch Company. Thomas
Howard md. Jan. 7, 1807, Hannah Wilder of Hingham,
b. May 22, 1782. They removed to this town 1810. He
was a farmer and a good citizen. He d. Nov. 3, 1861;
she d. Nov. 14, 1870.

- 2 I. *Hannah*, b. March 26, 1808; d. Dec. 16, 1828.
- 3 II. *Thomas*, b. Oct. 28, 1809. +
- 4 III. *Samuel W.*, b. Aug. 23, 1813. +
- 5 IV. *Lewis*, b. Dec. 1, 1816; resides in Ottawa, Ill.
He md. Jan. 5, 1859, Jane A. Jackson.
- 6 V. *George, H.*, b. Sept. 11, 1818. +
- 7 VI. *Mary W.*, b. Dec. 7, 1820; unmd.; resides in this
town.
- 8 VII. *Lucy M.*, b. Feb. 19, 1828; d. June 14, 1846.

3) THOMAS HOWARD md. Dec. 3, 1835, Hannah Elizabeth
Wright and removed to East Cambridge. He d. Nov. 17,
1850.

- 9 I. *Frank Edson*, b. March 12, 1837; d. unmd.
- 0 II. *George Henry*, b. Nov. 30, 1838; md. April 25,
1861, Charlotte Wickens. He is a bookkeeper
in East Cambridge.
- 1 III. *Thomas Melville*, b. Nov. 26, 1844; md. Mary
Mattell; resides in East Cambridge.

) SAMUEL W. HOWARD md. Dec. 15, 1842, Susan Hobart,
b. Oct. 31, 1821; she d. Sept. 22, 1868. He resides in
this town. He is a carpenter and stone mason.

- 2 I. *Charles Hobart*, b. July 15, 1845; md. Sept. 20,
1882, Mina A. Gaines, b. Sept. 4, 1856, of

Miller's Falls, dau. of Benjamin and Lydia E.
(Kendall) Gaines. Residence in Ashburnham.

- (6) GEORGE HOWARD md. March 20, 1862, Catherine
(Woods) Fairbanks, dau. of Asa Woods, *q. v.* He is a
farmer and lives on the homestead.

13 I. *Herbert George*, b. Oct. 21, 1863.

14 II. *Katie Mabel*, b. Aug. 7, 1874.

- 1 JOEL HOWE md. Experience Fenno and resided in this
town a few years. His wife d. Feb. 21, 1815. He re-
moved to Fitchburg. They had a son Charles and a dau.
Eliza of whom no record has been received.

- 2 ADDISON HOWE, son of Joel and Experience (Fenno)
Howe, md. Feb. 18, 1835, Fede Ward, dau. of Caleb
Ward, *q. v.* They reside in this town.

3 I. *Eliza M.*, b. Nov. 6, 1835; md. Edwin Gates;
resides in Verona. N. Y.

4 II. *Elsie A.*, b. Feb. 24, 1839; md. Nathaniel Ken-
ney; md. (2d) Abel Stephen Farwell, son of
Abel Farwell, *q. v.*

5 III. *Leroy A.*, b. May 6, 1841; md. Ella Maria Wood,
dau. of James Wood: resides in Westminster.

6 IV. *Amelia E.*, b. July 14, 1843; md. Geo. W. Mar-
tin; resides in Peacham, Vt.

7 V. *Harlan B.*, b. Feb. 25, 1847; md. Flora A. Under-
wood; resides in Westminster.

- 8 PERLEY HOWE, son of Perley and Jane T. (Belcher)
Howe of Gardner and grandson of Ebenezer and Eliza-
beth (Deland) Howe of Templeton and Gardner, was b.
in Gardner Sept. 17, 1811. He md. Nov. 28, 1833,
Mary P. Whitney, dau. of Joseph G. Whitney of West-
minster. He is a farmer and has resided in this town
since 1834. He has been assessor and selectman several
years and has acceptably filled other positions of trust.
He d. June 2, 1882.

- 9 I. *Orange E.*, b. Dec. 23, 1835; he is an engineer.
He md. May 1, 1858, Maria A. Platts, dau. of
John V. Platts, *q. v.*; she d. April 29, 1869;
md. (2d) July 12, 1871, Olive C. Shorey of
Plymouth, Me.

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| 10 | 1. Edward Perley, b. Dec. 13, 1859. |
| 11 | 2. Mary Louisa, b. March 6, 1866; md. Ephraim Stone, q. v. |
| 12 | 3. John Varnum, b. Sept. 4, 1868; d. June 27, 1870. |
| 13 | II. <i>Alvah S.</i> , b. Aug. 13, 1837; md. 1863, L. Annie Glazier, dau. of John C. Glazier, q. v. He d. in Woonsocket, R. I., Sept. 4, 1877. |
| 14 | III. <i>George P.</i> , b. March 12, 1847; md. Nov. 17, 1872, Eliza J. Kelton, dau. of Charles Kelton; md. (2d) Sept. 27, 1881, Mary (Hamilton) Pierson; reside in Chelsea. He is an engineer in Boston. |
| 15 | ELI HOWE, a brother of Perley Howe, was b. in Gardner April 2, 1804; md. Mary Severy. He removed to this town 1832 and to West Boylston 1872, where he d. 1883. Mr. Howe was an esteemed citizen. No children. |
| 1 | MELZAR HUDSON, b. in Bridgewater April 22, 1771, was a son of William and Lucy Hudson. He lived a few years in Winchendon and removed to this town about 1795. In 1797 he was Quartermaster of the Fourth Regiment of militia, and in subsequent years he was frequently elected to minor town offices. He was residing in this town in 1805, but his name from that date disappears in the records. In 1811 he was residing in Leominster, where he d. Aug. 14, 1825. He md. Feb. 19, 1793, Catherine Gates, dau. of John Gates, q. v. The name is written Melzar and Melzer. |
| 2 | I. <i>Levi</i> , b. May 16, 1793. |
| 3 | II. <i>Cynthia</i> , b. Jan. 22, 1795. |
| 4 | III. <i>G—</i> , b. Oct. 26, 1797. |
| 5 | IV. <i>Charlotte</i> , b. Jan. 12, 1799. |
| 6 | V. <i>Nelson</i> , b. Feb. 22, 1801; d. March 23, 1801. |
| 7 | VI. <i>George</i> , b. April 2, 1803. |
| 8 | VII. <i>Jane Taylor</i> , b. June 23, 1817. |

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he families of Hunt who have resided in this town are of one American ily and are descendants of William Hunt, the emigrant ancestor of the cord family. He was b. in England about 1605, and, with wife Elizabeth two children, he emigrated to America in 1635 and settled in Concord. wife d. Dec. 27, 1661; he md. (2d) 1664, Mercy Rice. This was her 1 marriage; her maiden name was Mercy Hurd; her first husband was mas Brigham and her second husband was Edmund Rice. William Hunt, Marlboro 1667, and his widow d. 1693. The three sons of William and abeth Hunt, Nehemiah, Samuel and Isaac, are represented through their ents in the family registers of Ashburnham.

Samuel Hunt, second son of William Hunt, was b. in England 1633; he md. Elizabeth Redding and settled in Ipswich; his eldest son, Samuel Hunt, Jr., was b. Nov. 17, 1657; md. May 1, 1678, Ruth Todd and removed to Tewksbury and d. Jan. 11, 1742-3. His son, Jeremiah Hunt, b. March 27, 1685, md. Abigail Hazeltine, dau. of David Hazeltine and resided in Billerica. His wife d. March 19, 1721-2; he md. (2d) June 19, 1722, Rebecca Ballard, who d. Sept. 21, 1729, and he md. (3d) Aug. 12, 1731, Mary Stewart. He d. 1737. Sherebiah Hunt, son of Jeremiah and Rebecca (Ballard) Hunt, was b. in Billerica April 1, 1726; settled in Lancaster, where he md. April 2, 1758, Deborah Wilder, b. Nov. 17, 1736, dau. of Joseph and Deborah (Joslin) Wilder. Among their four children were Dea. Sherebiah Hunt of Ashburnham, and Deborah, wife of Elisha White.

The youngest son of William Hunt of Concord, the emigrant ancestor, was Isaac Hunt who was b. in Concord 1647; he md. May 14, 1667, Mary Stone. He lived in Concord, where he d. Dec. 12, 1680; his widow md. Nov. 30, 1681, Eliphalet Fox. Samuel Hunt, son of Isaac, b. in Concord Oct. 26, 1672, md. May 4, 1695, Eleanor Davis, b. Oct. 22, 1672, dau. of Simon Davis. He d. Dec. 15, 1695, and the single tie connecting the generations in this line of descent was Samuel Hunt, Jr., posthumous, b. June 11, 1696. He settled in Littleton, where he md. Nov. 14, 1716, Dorothy Bulkley, dau. of Joseph Bulkley; she d. Nov. 4, 1731, aged 33 years. He d. July 13, 1739, leaving a widow Dinah, who md. (2d) Dr. Benjamin Shattuck. The youngest child of Samuel and Dorothy (Bulkley) Hunt was Peter Hunt of Ashburnham.

Nehemiah Hunt, eldest son of William Hunt, was b. in England 1631; md. June 1, 1663, Mary Toll, b. Oct. 8, 1643, dau. of John and Katherine Toll of Sudbury. He settled in Concord, where he d. March 6, 1717-8. His son, William Hunt, b. 1678, md. Mary Carley and resided in Concord, where he d. May 15, 1755. The youngest of six children was Nehemiah Hunt, b. 1726; md. April 11, 1762, Submit Bateman and resided in Concord, where he d. Nov. 15, 1785; his widow md. Nov. 7, 1787, John Flint of Concord. There were eleven children of Nehemiah and Submit (Bateman) Hunt; the third of these was David Hunt of Ashburnham.

1 | DEA. SHEREBIAH HUNT, son of Sherebiah and Dorothy (Wilder) Hunt, was b. in Lancaster July 23, 1758. He md. May 15, 1780, Ruth White of Lancaster, and the same year he settled in this town on the farm, now of Albert T. Bemis. His wife d. Oct. 30, 1794; he md. (2d) April 12, 1796, widow Dorothy (Mirick) Garfield of Princeton. She was the mother of Elisha Garfield who lived from childhood in this town and d. unmd. Dec. 16, 1829. The name of Dea. Hunt is familiar to the records and traditions of Ashburnham. He was a tithingman many years and was frequently elected to office. He was respected and loved by his associates. From 1798 to the date of his death he was a deacon of the Congregational church. He d. March 6, 1826. His widow d. Nov. 7, 1846. One child by the first and three by the second marriage.

2 | 1. *Deborah*, b. July 21, 1781; md. Dec. 31, 1803, Amos Stearns of Winchendon, son of Bartholomew and Mary (Raymond) Stearns; she d. in

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Winchendon, leaving seven children, Feb. 7, 1817; he md. (2d) Sarah (Miller) Maynard, widow of Joseph Maynard, *q. v.*

3 ii. *Dorothy*, b. April 18, 1797; d. unmd. Nov. 22, 1882.

4 iii. *Ruth*, b. June 3, 1799; resides unmd. in this town.

5 iv. *Charles S.*, b. Jan. 9, 1802; md. Jan. 9, 1828, Mary Ann How Vose, b. Sept. 29, 1810. He was a merchant in Boston, where he d., leaving nine children, Feb. 12, 1861.

6 PETER HUNT, son of Samuel and Dorothy (Bulkley) Hunt, was b. in Littleton July 20, 1729. He md. in Littleton Dec. 10, 1761, Sarah Leighton, b. 1731, and in 1779 they removed with four children from Littleton to Rindge. Subsequently they removed to Ashburnham, where he d. Jan. 13, 1816; his widow d. Nov. 29, 1824, aged 93 years.

Sarah Leighton, the wife of Peter Hunt, was a lineal descendant of Rev. Dr. Leighton of England, the father of Archbishop Leighton. John Leighton, the emigrant ancestor, settled in Ipswich 1650. John Leighton, son of John and grandson of John, who settled in Ipswich, b. 1689, md. Sarah Perkins; md. (2d) Hannah Treadwell. He was a sea captain many years. Three of his sons were lost at sea. In 1748 he removed from Ipswich to Littleton with son Francis and daughters Hannah, Martha and Sarah. Capt. John Leighton, the father, d. 1773. Joanna Leighton, wife of Osgood Eaton, *q. v.*, was a dau. of the son Francis who subsequently resided in Westford.

The four children of Peter and Sarah (Leighton) Hunt were b. in Littleton.

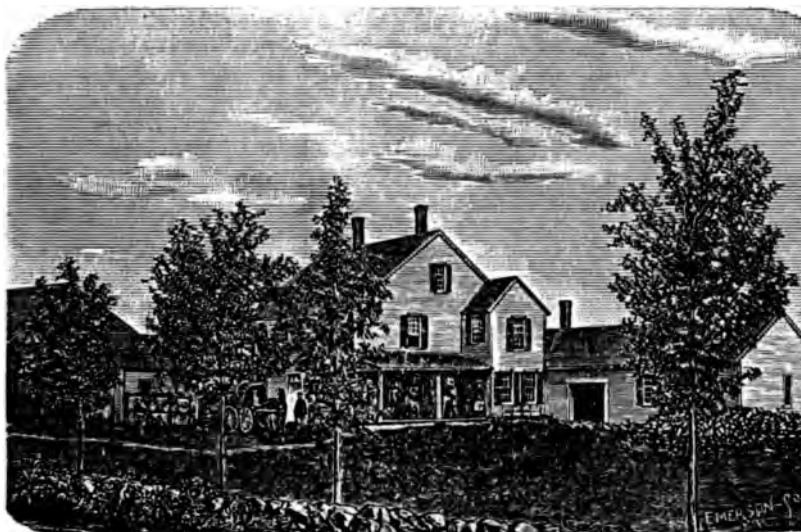
7 i. *Hannah*, b. June 11, 1763; md. Abel Hoar of Sterling; she d. Feb. 15, 1822.

8 ii. *Peter*, b. June 8, 1765.+

9 iii. *Bulkley*, b. Sept. 21, 1768; md. Oct. 8, 1794, Betsey Chaplin, dau. of Micah and Betsey (Philbrick) Chaplin of Rindge. They removed to Brandon and subsequently to Leicester, Vt. He d. Nov. 28, 1852.

10 iv. *Dorothy*, b. May 7, 1773; resided in West Boylston many years; she d. unmd. May 9, 1866.

(8) PETER HUNT, son of Peter and Sarah (Leighton) Hunt, was b. in Littleton June 8, 1765. He was a farmer living



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upon the farm formerly of Shebuel Hobart, where he d. Sept. 8, 1834. He md. Sept. 17, 1809, Kezia (Hobart) Peabody, dau. of Daniel Hobart, *q. v.* She was an intelligent, superior woman and an affectionate friend and mother. She d. Nov. 30, 1833.

- 11 i. *Rodney*, b. July 6, 1810. +
- 12 ii. *Sabra*, b. Nov. 22, 1812; d. Sept. 26, 1818.
- 13 iii. *Stillman*, b. Jan. 31, 1815; name changed to Harrison C. Hobart. *Vide* page 501. He md. Feb. 2, 1854, Frances Lowrey of Troy, N. Y., who d. March 22, 1855; he md. (2d) June 8, 1857, Anna C. Mower of Boston.
- 14 iv. *Tamisen*, b. May 12, 1817; md. Samuel H. Benjamin, son of Daniel Benjamin, *q. v.*
- 15 v. *Peter Thatcher*, b. Sept. 9, 1819. *Vide* page 504. Since 1871 he has resided in Denver, Col., where he is successfully engaged in stock and commission business. He md. 1869, Phebe Hull. They have four children.

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- (11) RODNEY HUNT was b. in Ashburnham July 6, 1810. He attended the public schools of his native town and with filial kindness he assisted his parents through the needs of their age and past the years of his minority. He is

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remembered by the associates of his youth as a generous companion and a young man of ardent temperament and honorable conduct. For many years he followed the trade of a millwright. A half century ago an iron wheel was comparatively unknown, the motive power being supplied by cumbersome wooden wheels of several well-remembered patterns. These were constructed on the ground where they were to be used and their construction and repair furnished employment for a considerable number of skilled workmen. In this employment Mr. Hunt not only met the demands of the passing hour but made a constant and intelligent study of the demands and possibilities of the future. In the progress of the age iron wheels of tested and approved patterns, manufactured in quantity at central points, have supplanted the clumsy structures of fifty years ago. In this revolution, the field of many achievements, Mr. Hunt has been a prominent actor. He is the founder of the Rodney Hunt Machine Company of Orange and president of the corporation. Few men have manifested an equal knowledge of water power and its proper adjustment to machinery. His life has been devoted to these and kindred studies and pursuits, and the success of the corporation is among the fruits of his study and perseverance. As a citizen he is held in high esteem and has frequently been called to positions of trust. He has represented the town of Orange in the Legislature and has been at all times an earnest and steadfast supporter of the reforms of the age. He md. Jan. 5, 1834, Margaret Parker, dau. of Jeremiah Parker of Holden; she d. Nov. 28, 1865; md. (2d) March 19, 1867, Eliza (Parker) Slate, a sister of his first wife. He has resided in Orange since 1840.

5 **DAVID HUNT**, son of Nehemiah and Submit (Bateman) Hunt, was b. in Concord June 15, 1766. He came to Ashburnham about 1790. He md. Feb. 21, 1793, Lydia Howe of Templeton. The intentions of marriage are recorded in this town and in the record he is styled "of Ashburnham." At the ensuing annual election of town officers, according to a custom of the times, he received the notice commonly paid to newly married men by being elected hogreave. Not many years later he removed to Mason, N. H., where he d. 1848.

- 7 i. *Abel*, b. Dec. 24, 1794.
- 3 ii. *Sarah*, b. May 2, 1797; md. Sept. 25, 1827,
 Josiah Winship of Mason, N. H.
- 9 iii. *Mary*, b. Feb. 24, 1799.



Henry Hunt

- 20 iv. *David F.*, b. March 4, 1801.
 - 21 v. *Lydia*, b. Feb. 19, 1804.
 - 22 vi. *Sabrina*, b. June 6, 1806; md. 1834, John Fes-
senden of Westminster.
 - 23 vii. *Sophia H.*, b. June 19, 1809.
 - 24 viii. *Nehemiah A.*, b. Sept. 27, 1811.
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1 REV. ANDREW JAQUITH was a son of Benjamin and Rebecca (Spaulding) Jaquith of Ashby and a grandson of Adford and Sarah Jaquith of Ashby, where he was b. March 7, 1816. *Vide* page 513. He md. April 17, 1842, Abbie G. Warren, b. April 6, 1815, dau. of Jacob and Sarah (Hubbard) Warren. He d. Aug. 27, 1864; his widow resides on the homestead in this town.

2 i. *Henry Warren*, b. Nov. 5, 1844; enlisted in 6th N. H. Vols. in March, 1862, and d. at Washington, D. C., Aug. 13, 1864.

3 ii. *Andrew Benjamin*, b. May 16, 1850; md. March 4, 1880, Clara C. Kelley of Wakefield. He resided in New York and in Washington, D. C., where he d. April 12, 1883.

1 CYRUS A. JEFTS, son of Gilbert and Eliza (Eaton) Jests of Stoddard and Washington, N. H., was b. June 11, 1834. He md. Sept. 21, 1861, Roxanna Blodget of New Ipswich. He is a miller and dealer in lumber at Factory Village.

2 i. *Frederick A.*, b. Oct. 27, 1865.

3 ii. *Charles J.*, b. Jan. 6, 1868.

4 iii. *Walter E.*, b. Sept. 7, 1874.

5 iv. *Adella May*, b. Jan. 19, 1879.

1 COL. JOSEPH JEWETT, son of Edward and Sarah Jewett, was b. in Stow May 10, 1761. It is a tradition of the family that he was a descendant of the sixth generation from Joseph Jewett of Rowley, a brother of Dea. Maximilian Jewett. Col. Jewett through a long and active life was a controlling spirit in this town. *Vide* page 478. He md. April 11, 1786, Sarah Woods, dau. of Samuel and Tabitha Woods of Princeton. *q. v.* He d. May 3, 1846; she d. Feb. 23, 1852.

2 i. *Ivers*, b. May 7, 1788.+

3 ii. *Joseph*, b. April 30, 1790.+

4 iii. *Milton*, b. May 31, 1793; d. unmd. Oct. 31, 1817.

- 5 iv. *Polly Gibbs*, b. March 4, 1796; md. Oct. 27,
1818, Rev. Otis C. Whiton, b. in Winchendon
Sept. 27, 1794, son of Dr. Israel and Dorothy
(Crosby) Whiton. She d., *s. p.*, Nov. 25, 1824.
- 6 v. *Merrick Augustus*, b. Aug. 26, 1798. +
- 7 vi. *Sarah Farmer*, b. Sept. 4, 1803; md. Dec. 14,
1825, Albert Hobart of Boston; she d. Oct. 9,
1838.

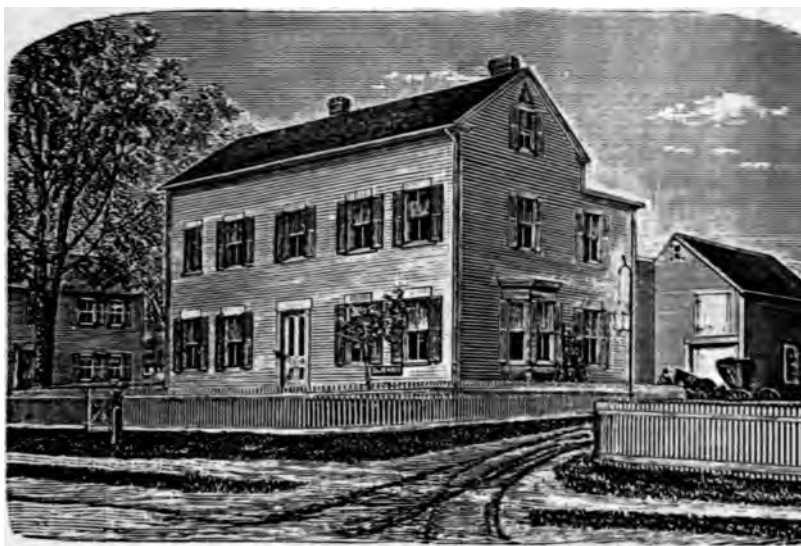
- (2) GEN. IVERS JEWETT resided in Ashburnham, Fitchburg and Mobile, Ala. *Vide* page 479. He md. Dec. 21, 1813, Mary Adams, dau. of Ebenezer Thomas Adams, *q. v.* She d. at Alexandria, La., Oct. 11, 1834; he md. (2d) Lydia Adams, a sister of the first wife. He d. at Mobile April 26, 1871. The following register of the children is incomplete and possibly fails to name all of them.

- 8 i. *Ivers Thomas*, b. Sept. 26, 1814.
- 9 ii. *Joseph Adams*, b. July 4, 1816.
- 10 iii. *Edwin Milton*, b. Aug. 10, 1821.
- 11 iv. *George Perkins*, bap. 1824; d. Jan 28, 1825.
- 12 v. *Mary Eliza Whiton*, bap. 1826.
- 13 vi. *Sarah Woods*, bap. 1828.

- (3) JOSEPH JEWETT was a merchant several years at Winchendon Centre, and while a resident of the town was a member of the school committee in 1817. Soon after this date he removed to Baltimore, Md., and was engaged there as a bookseller and publisher and a part of the time at least he was associated in business with his brother-in-law, Joseph Cushing. He md. Oct. 8, 1811, Susannah Cushing, dau. of Capt. David Cushing, *q. v.* No record of their children has been received.

- (6) REV. MERRICK A. JEWETT for many years was the faithful and beloved pastor of the First Congregational church in Terre Haute, Ind. *Vide* page 498. He md. Oct. 4, 1825, Mary Moore, b. Feb. 10, 1807, eldest dau. of Geo. W. and Margaret Moore of Baltimore, Md. He d. April 3, 1874. His widow d. Sept. 5, 1882. There were nine children, seven sons and two daughters, of Rev. Merrick A. and Mary (Moore) Jewett. Of these six d. in infancy.

- 14 i. *David Moore*, b. 1834; d. June 14, 1876.
- 15 ii. *Edward Duncan*, resides in Texas.
- 16 iii. *Mary M.*, resides in New York City.



RESIDENCE OF DR. NATHANIEL JEWETT.

- 17 | AMORY JEWETT, b. in Pepperell Aug. 14, 1808, md. Lucy E. Diewaide and resided several years in Boston, where his children were born. They have resided in this town several years. He is a son of Nathaniel and Betsey (Hamblet) Jewett of Pepperell, Charlestown and Lexington and a grandson of Jedediah Jewett of Pepperell who was a descendant of the Rowley family of Jewett. Two sons of Amory and Lucy E. (Diewaide) Jewett are among the resident physicians of this town.
- 18 | I. *Amory Jewett, M. D.*, b. Jan. 17, 1833. *Vide* page 473.
- 19 | II. *Nathaniel Jewett, M. D.*, b. March 10, 1841. *Vide* page 474.
- 1 | TIMOTHY JOHNSON with wife, Sarah, removed to Ashburnham about 1772. He settled near the farm of the late Dea. John C. Davis. It is probable that the family removed from this town about 1795. He was in the service in Col. Putnam's regiment three years, and in 1778 the town voted to relieve the necessities of the family.
- 2 | I. *Sarah*, b. Sept. 16, 1774.
- 3 | II. *Timothy*, b. Nov. 29, 1775.
- 4 | III. *Oliver*, b. Dec. 31, 1777.

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| 5 | iv. <i>Joshua</i> , b. March 13, 1781. |
| 6 | v. <i>Leri</i> , b. Dec. 1, 1783. |
| 7 | vi. <i>John</i> , b. April 19, 1786. |
| 8 | vii. <i>Benjamin</i> , b. Oct. 18, 1788. |
| 9 | viii. <i>Joseph</i> , b. June 25, 1791. |
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| 10 | MOSES JOHNSON was taxed 1770, but his name is not renewed in the records. |
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| 11 | SAMUEL JOHNSON and wife, Lydia, were here a short time during the Revolution. |
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| 12 | i. <i>Abel</i> , b. Oct. 12, 1777. |
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| 13 | CHARLES FRANCIS JOHNSON, b. in Westmoreland, N. H., Aug. 13, 1821, son of Walker and Philena (Puffer) Johnson, md. June 24, 1843, Ruth D. Bemis, b. Oct. 18, 1822, dau. of William Bemis, <i>q. v.</i> He is a mechanic in Ashburnham. |
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| 14 | i. <i>Charles Herbert</i> , b. June 11, 1847; d. June 16, 1863. |
| 15 | ii. <i>Ida Frances</i> , b. Aug. 24, 1851; md. 1875, George W. Hurd; resides in Fitchburg. |
| 16 | iii. <i>Arthur Clesson</i> , b. June 27, 1854; d. Dec., 1854. |
| 17 | iv. <i>Helen M.</i> , b. Dec. 14, 1859; d. June 5, 1863. |
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JONES.

ENOS JONES, an early resident of Ashburnham, was a representative of the fifth generation of his family in this country. The emigrant ancestor was Lewis Jones, who was residing in Roxbury in 1645, and removed to Watertown about 1650, where he d. April 11, 1684. In his will there is mention of his wife, Anna, and several children; of these Capt. Josiah Jones, b. 1643, resided in Watertown and Weston. He was a deacon of the church in Weston, and a selectman of Watertown several years previous to the incorporation of Weston. He md. Oct. 2, 1667, Lydia Treadway, dau. of Nathaniel and Sufferana (How) Treadway of Watertown. He d. Oct. 9, 1714; she d. Sept. 18, 1743. Josiah Jones, b. Oct. 20, 1670, son of Capt. Josiah Jones, resided in Weston. In 1715 he was chosen a deacon to succeed his father, but he refused the office. He md. Abigail Barnes, b. June 14, 1671, dau. of Thomas and Abigail (Goodnow) Barnes of Marlboro'. He d. Dec. 31, 1734; his widow d. in Stockbridge Nov. 4, 1749. Their son, William Jones, b. Jan. 4, 1706-7, settled in Lunenburg. During the Indian War his house was one of the garrisons in the line of fortification. *Vide* page 75. He was a surveyor and frequently employed by the colony. In 1760 he was sent to Nova Scotia to survey a township. On his return voyage the vessel was lost and he perished at sea, Jan. 26, 1761. He md. Dec. 25, 1733, Sarah Locke, b. July 5, 1707, dau. of James and Sarah (Cutter) Locke of Woburn. She d. Oct. 20, 1788. Of their children, Enos Jones settled in Ashburnham, and Sarah md. Joseph Foster, and their dau., Rebecca Foster, was the wife of Isaac Whitmore of this town.

- 1 ENOS JONES, son of William and Sarah (Locke) Jones, was b. in Lunenburg July 4, 1742. His father, at the time of his decease, was the owner of one-half or the whole of the Bluefield or Bellows grant in this town. In 1761 Enos Jones removed to this town and settled on this tract of land, of which he subsequently acquired possession. *Vide* pp. 36-39. He was industrious and honest; in his home he was hospitable, and among his fellow-men he commanded their esteem. When he removed to this town some progress had been made in the settlement, a church had been organized and a minister had been settled, yet the greater portion of the township was unoccupied, and his early home was in a wilderness. In the male lines of descent, no representative of his family, bearing his name, has resided in this town since the removal of his grandson Dea. Gilman Jones, yet in the collateral branches and bearing other names his descendants in this town are very numerous. He md. Jan. 20, 1768, Mary Whitmore, dau. of Joseph Whitmore, *q. v.*; she d. Dec. 24, 1788; he md. (2d) Hannah (Adams) Russell, dau. of Capt. Thomas Adams, *q. v.*, and widow of Walter Russell. He d. Dec. 30, 1824; his widow d. Oct. 16, 1836.
- 2 i. *Edmund*, b. Sept. 13, 1769.†
- 3 ii. *Molly*, b. March 31, 1771; md. Silas Willard, Esq., *q. v.*
- 4 iii. *Nathan*, b. April 12, 1773; md. Dec. 15, 1796, Betsey Spaulding, dau. of Isaac Spaulding, *q. v.* He resided in Lempster, N. H., and in Sharon, Vt. They had ten children; one d. in childhood and nine removed to Ohio and other Western States; he d. at Cold Spring, Shelby Co., Ill., May 14, 1852.
- 5 iv. *Sally*, b. May 21, 1775; md. Dec. 5, 1798, Dea. John Taylor, b. Feb. 26, 1773, son of Thaddeus and Bridget (Walton) Taylor of Dunstable and New Ipswich. They resided in Lempster, N. H., where she d., leaving nine children, Dec. 13, 1831. He d. 1864.
- 6 v. *Dolly*, b. May 28, 1777; md. Jonathan Wood, *q. v.*
- 7 vi. *Lucy*, b. May 20, 1779; md. Joshua Fletcher, *q. v.*
- 8 vii. *Persis*, b. Nov. 20, 1781; md. Oct. 24, 1805, Samuel Taylor, b. Oct. 12, 1781, a son of Thaddeus and Bridget (Walton) Taylor. He was a farmer in New Ipswich, near the Ashburnham line. He d. Jan. 4, 1864; she d. Sept. 1, 1869; nine children, among them Charles Taylor, who md. 1841, Harriet N. Weston, dau. of James Weston, *q. v.*

Congregational church from 1824 until 1843 when he united with the Union church at the North Village. He md. July 9, 1811, Rachel Converse, b. Oct. 12, 1788, dau. of Zebulon and Sarah (Merriam) Converse of Rindge. He d. March 14, 1843; his widow subsequently resided several years in Winchendon and d. in Ayer April, 1873.

- 9 I. *Mary*, b. March 26, 1813; d. unmd. Aug. 30, 1846.
- 10 II. *Sultyna*, b. April 26, 1815; md. June 2, 1840, Asa E. Woods, son of Sewell and Anna (Whitaker) Woods; they resided in Mason, N. H., where he d. July 25, 1850; she md. (2d) Ezra H. Sawtell, son of Asa Sawtell, *q. v.*
- 11 III. *Eliza*, b. Oct. 4, 1821; d. Feb. 22, 1824.
- 12 IV. *Eliza Rachel*, b. Aug. 1, 1826; md. Jan. 3, 1854, Horace O. Whitcher, son of Jeremiah and Persis (Craig) Whitcher; reside in Barton, Vt.
- 13 V. *Daniel Wayland*, b. Jan. 14, 1829. He is a successful physician in Newton. These lines arranged for a place in Chap. XX, were inadvertently omitted in that connection. Dr. Jones was a student in the office of Dr. Ira Russell of Winchendon and is a graduate of the Medical Department of the University of New York, receiving his degree in March, 1852. The same year he located in Rindge where he was well received and the recipient of a liberal measure of practice. In 1855 he removed to Newton, where he continued in active practice several years. He is now in Boston. He md. July 13, 1853, Minerva A. Tyler, dau. of Ephraim and Mary (Bissell) Tyler; she d. Jan. 31, 1858; md. (2d) Dec. 24, 1860, Josephine D. Bullard, dau. of Elias and Persis (Daniels) Bullard of Holliston; she d. May 25, 1871.

- 11) DEA. GILMAN JONES resided in Ashburnham until 1857, when he removed to Wisconsin. In early life he was a farmer and subsequently in connection with Col. Enoch Whitmore he was engaged in the manufacture of spools and other woodware. He was an original member of the church in North Ashburnham and was a deacon several years. Mr. Jones was an early abolitionist and a stalwart advocate of temperance. In all affairs of a social and public character he answered his convictions which were the full expression of an upright character and a sympathetic nature. He md. Feb. 8, 1827, Sylvia Ward, dau. of Dea. Samuel Ward, *q. v.* He resides at Horicon, Wis. No children.

JONES.

NATHAN JONES, No. 24 in the following register, and his descendants are not related to the Enos Jones family. The emigrant ancestor of this family was John Jones, who is found a resident of Cambridge 1648, and subsequently of Concord. He d. June 22, 1678, and his widow, Dorcas, md. (2d) William Buss of Concord. John Jones, son of John and Dorcas Jones, b. July 6, 1656, md. March 5, 1681, Sarah Farwell and not Sarah Temple, as given by Shattuck, dau. of John and Sarah (Wheeler) Farwell. He d. in Concord Feb. 14, 1725-6. John Jones, son of John and Sarah (Farwell) Jones, b. in Concord Jan. 6, 1690, md. July 25, 1716, Anna Brooks, b. Feb. 21, 1695-6, dau. of Daniel and Ann (Merriam) Brooks. He d. March 12, 1762; she d. June 9, 1758. Among the children of John and Anna (Brooks) Jones was Ebenezer Jones, b. in Concord Dec. 8, 1726; he md. Jan. 22, 1750, Mary Wheeler. They were the parents of fifteen children. About the date of marriage he removed to Bedford, and in 1762 or 1763 he removed to Princeton. He was styled Major, and was prominent in public affairs. An elevation of land in Princeton, called Jones' Hill, indicates the location of his farm. He d. in Princeton 1779; his wife survived him about five years.

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| 24 | NATHAN JONES , son of Major Ebenezer Jones of Bedford and Princeton, was b. in Bedford April 21, 1753. He md. Oct. 4, 1774, Mercy Parmenter of Rutland, b. July 27, 1753. They resided in Princeton, where eight of their ten children were born, until 1794, when they removed to Ashburnham and settled in the north part of the town. He was an industrious man, of retiring manner. The forces of his nature were fully employed in the support of a large family. He d. April 8, 1827; his widow d. Dec. 27, 1835. |
| 25 | i. <i>Nathan</i> , b. April 13, 1775; resided in Vermont and subsequently in Michigan; had a family. |
| 26 | ii. <i>Mary</i> , b. Oct. 17, 1777; md. Capt. — Corse; resided at Moretown, Vt. |
| 27 | iii. <i>Benjamin</i> , b. Dec. 11, 1779. |
| 28 | iv. <i>Lucy</i> , b. June 2, 1782; d. July 11, 1782. |
| 29 | v. <i>John</i> , b. Nov. 24, 1783. + |
| 30 | vi. <i>Anna</i> , b. Jan. 21, 1787; md. Elias Lane, son of Col. Francis Lane, q. r. |
| 31 | vii. <i>Ebenezer</i> , b. July 26, 1789; md. 1822, Lucinda Reed, dau. of Supply Reed of Acworth, and a sister of the wife of Nahum Benjamin. He resided on the homestead where he d. Sept. 1, 1825; his widow went to Council Bluffs where her brother, John Reed, was a Mormon preacher. |
| 32 | 1. <i>Eliza</i> , b. and d. Sept. 15, 1823. |
| 33 | 2. <i>Sylvia</i> . |
| 34 | 3. <i>Charles</i> . |
| 35 | viii. <i>Abel Parmenter</i> , b. March 13, 1792; removed to |

Westford, where he md. Mary Corey, b. Feb. 22, 1795, dau. of Abel Corey. He met with financial losses and returned to this town where he d. Jan. 13, 1836. His widow d. Oct. 22, 1862.

- 36 1. Harriet A., b. Aug. 30, 1817.
- 37 2. Eliza C., b. Feb. 11, 1819.
- 38 3. Mary J., b. Jan. 3, 1821.
- 39 4. Lucy L., b. Sept. 18, 1822; d. May 11, 1840.
- 40 5. Sarah B., b. Sept. 19, 1824; d. Sept. 22, 1830.
- 41 6. William A., b. Sept. 23, 1827; d. Oct. 4, 1847.
- 42 7. George P., b. Jan. 7, 1830.

43 ix. *Betsey*, b. July 24, 1795; md. Oct. 16, 1827, Aaron E. Hadley, and resided several years in this town and subsequently in Burlington and Montpelier, Vt.

- 44 1. Edwin W., b. 1829.
- 45 2. Isaac C.
- 46 3. Mary A.
- 47 4. Rebecca J.
- 48 5. Henry H., b. Jan. 4, 1840; md. June 9, 1872, Martha E. (Winkley) Delano; resides at North Ashburnham. He was in Kansas in 1856, and in the affray at Lawrence. He served in the Civil War.

49 x. *Wilder*, b. July 2, 1798; resided in Boston; had a family, but no record is at hand.

(29) CAPT. JOHN JONES md. Dec. 17, 1809, Lucy Lane, dau. of Col. Francis Lane, *q. v.*, and removed to Dublin, N. H., where he d. May 3, 1849. He was a lieutenant in the war of 1812 and subsequently a captain of the militia. He was frequently called to positions of trust and in his daily life he commanded the respect of his associates. His widow d. March 24, 1873.

- 50 1. *Frederick*, b. July 20, 1813. He is a graduate of Harvard University, 1835; a regular graduate in medicine and has received degrees A. M., M. D., from Dartmouth College. Dr. Jones practised his profession a short time in this town previous to a removal to New Ipswich.

where he has been successfully engaged in professional labor. For many years he has occupied a prominent position in the profession, and is frequently employed in the surrounding towns. He md. Feb. 20, 1845, Caroline Frances Gibson, b. in New Ipswich Feb. 2, 1824, dau. of Dr. Stillman Gibson of New Ipswich. They have one son and one daughter.

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| 51 | 1. Frederic William, b. Jan. 9, 1848; a graduate of Dartmouth College 1869, and Medical Department of the University of New York; engaged in the practice of his profession in New Ipswich; md. May 31, 1881, Harriet A. Perry. |
| 52 | 2. C. Frances, b. June 1, 1852; she has produced abundant fruits of taste and ability in painting and drawing. |
| 53 | II. <i>Lucy A.</i> , b. Nov. 20, 1819; was a successful teacher; md. May 14, 1848, Eri J. Spaulding of Troy, N. H.; she d. Feb. 14, 1861. |
| 54 | 1. Lucy Ann, b. March 19, 1849; d. June 12, 1862. |
| 55 | 2. Ellen C., b. Aug. 16, 1851; md. May 1, 1877, William L. Morse, a graduate of Harvard University 1877. He is of the firm of Morse & Bigelow, Marlboro'. |
| 56 | 3. Albert E., b. May 9, 1853; principal of High School, Princeville, Ill.; d. Oct. 4, 1875. |
| 57 | 4. Abbie C., b. Aug. 21, 1857; md. Aug. 24, 1878, Dudley Philbrick; reside in Brighton. |

JOSLIN.

The families of Joslin in this town at an early date were from Leominster. Only one of them remained in Ashburnham beyond a few years. They were of the fifth generation from Thomas Joslin who signed the Lancaster Covenant Sept. 12, 1654. This Thomas with wife Rebecca and five children settled in Hingham in 1635, and subsequently removed to Lancaster, which at that time included Leominster, where the families of Joslin have been numerous, and some of them were among the original owners of land in this town. Among the children of John and Lucy Joslin were three who became residents of this town: Abijah, b. Jan. 24, 1744-5; James, b. July 31, 1747, and Samuel, b. March 11, 1752.

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| 1 | CAPT. ABIJAH JOSLIN, then a young, unmarried man, removed to this town soon after the date of incorporation. He md. Jan. 5, 1768, Keziah Farrar of Townsend, and |
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settled in the south or southeast part of the town. In 1774 he was a member of the committee of correspondence, and was chosen by the town captain of the militia. At the annual meetings he was at different times elected to office and appears to have been the recipient of a reasonable measure of the confidence and respect of his townsmen. In 1804 the family removed to Verona, N. Y., where some of the older children had previously settled.

- 2 i. *Abijah*, b. Jan. 3, 1770; md. Anna Smith.
- 3 ii. *Keziah*, b. June 8, 1771; md. Joseph Blackman.
- 4 iii. *Sarah*, b. Dec. 29, 1772; md. Nov. 3, 1795, Peter Andrew Wilder.
- 5 iv. *Ephraim*, b. Aug. 28, 1774; md. Mehitabel Cagwin.
- 6 v. *George Washington*, b. April 18, 1776; md. 1803, Rhoda Corey, dau. of Hezekiah Corey, *q. v.*; removed to Verona, N. Y. He d. Aug. 16, 1828, aged 52.
- 7 vi. *Lucy*, b. Aug. 20, 1778; d. Nov. 20, 1780.
- 8 vii. *Isaac Farrar*, b. Feb. 25, 1780; d. March 28, 1799.
- 9 viii. *John*, bap. March 30, 1782.
- 10 ix. *Eunice*, bap. Aug. 30, 1783; md. 1807, Thomas Cagwin.
- 11 x. *Nahum*, bap. April 18, 1790; md. Sarah Jones.
- 12 xi. *Nancy*, bap. March 18, 1792; d. March 6, 1795.
- 13 xii. *Sophia*, bap. Oct. 18, 1795; md. Elijah Blackman.

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- 14 SAMUEL JOSLIN, a brother of Capt. Abijah Joslin, came to Ashburnham previous to 1770. He is on the roll of Capt. Gates' company 1775. He resided in this town a few years and about 1790 settled in Jaffrey, N. H. It is probable that he lived in some other place between his residence in this town and his removal to Jaffrey. He d. in Jaffrey, Nov. 17, 1815; he md. in this town July 18, 1776, Elizabeth Wilder, dau. of Joseph Wilder of Leominster; she d. Dec. 14, 1821. Three children.

- 15 i. *Lucy*, b. —; md. Millot Ellis; removed to Oberlin, Ohio.
- 16 ii. *Thomas*, removed to Oberlin.
- 17 iii. *Betsey*, removed to Oberlin.

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- 18 JAMES JOSLIN, brother of Capt. Abijah and Samuel, md. in Leominster Jan. 8, 1767, Mary Daby, and removed to this town soon after. They united with the church Oct.

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14, 1770. It is certain that they resided in Leominster, after a few years in this town, but there is no record of any transfer of their church relations. The only existing tax list of that period is for the year 1771 which bears his name. Two children were b. in Ashburnham and others in Leominster.

- 19 i. *James*, bap. Oct. 11, 1770; md. 1792, Relief Carter.
- 20 ii. *Molly* (twin), bap. Oct. 11, 1770; md. William Burrage.

1 **WILLIAM JOYNER** came from Sudbury and remained an active and influential citizen of this town from 1763 to 1769. At the first town meeting in Ashburnham he was chosen assessor, and the three succeeding years he was the town clerk. He md. in Sudbury March 18, 1745, Hannah Bowker. The records of this town afford no additional information.

1 **CAPT. SAMUEL KELTON**, son of Edward and Mary Kelton, was b. in Dorchester Nov. 26, 1741. After his marriage he settled in Needham, and as early as 1775 he began to improve land in this town which formerly had been owned by his father. At the Lexington alarm he was a sergeant in Capt. Aaron Smith's company, and during the remainder of the year he was a captain in Col. Patterson's regiment, participating in the siege of Boston. In the following year, 1776, he removed to this town, and in 1785 his homestead was included in the new town of Gardner. He was a man of intelligence and character, and was prominent in town affairs. While he remained a resident of this town his name is often met in the records, and subsequently in Gardner, he was an influential and honored citizen. He md. Jan. 5, 1769, Molly Leeds, b. Oct. 2, 1749. She d. in Gardner Feb. 5, 1824; he d. March 29, 1821.

- 2 i. *Samuel*, b. March 1, 1770; d. Sept. 16, 1775.
- 3 ii. *Leuel*, b. Sept. 22, 1771; md. March 6, 1796, Patty Angier, dau. of Timothy Angier, q. r. They resided in this town and in Gardner, where she d. 1842. He d. Oct 2, 1863. Three children.
- 4 iii. *Edward*, b. June 13, 1773; d. Sept. 25, 1775.
- 5 iv. *Ebenezer*, b. March 12, 1775; d. Sept. 12, 1775.
- 6 v. *Esther*, b. Oct. 20, 1776; d. unmd. in Gardner July 6, 1843.

- 7 vi. *Samuel*, b. Oct. 25, 1778; d. Nov. 30, 1780.
 - 8 vii. *Enos*, b. Feb. 3, 1781; md. July 11, 1814, Dolly
Winchester, dau. of Jonathan Winchester, *q. v.*
They resided in Gardner. He d. May 20, 1858,
She d. Feb. 2, 1864.
 - 9 1. Louisa, b. July 18, 1815; md. Augustus
E. Houghton; he d. in Milford, N. H.
She resides in this town.
 - 10 2. George, b. April 19, 1817; md. Sept. 1,
1842, Sophia Adams, b. Oct. 16, 1818,
dau. of Daniel and Dinah (Metcalf)
Adams of Gardner. He d. April 1,
1877; she d. Dec. 15, 1879.
 - 11 3. Selina, b. Sept. 25, 1820; md. May 9,
1850, Nathan W. Cram.
 - 12 4. Charles, b. Dec. 21, 1821. +
 - 13 5. Lucinda, b. Oct. 6, 1825.
 - 14 viii. *William*, b. Aug. 24, 1883; d. in Gardner unmd.
Jan. 20, 1853.
 - 15 ix. *Eliam*, b. Oct. 25, 1785; md. May 29, 1826,
Sophia Hosley, b. in Hancock, N. H., Jan. 26,
1801. They resided in this town from 1828 to
1832, and subsequently in Gardner, where he d.
Aug. 24, 1865; she d. April 22, 1879.
 - 16 1. David, b. June 25, 1827, has resided many
years in Gardner, and is now a resident
of this town.
 - 17 2. Nancy, b. Jan. 22, 1831; md. Jan. 10,
1854, Leander Knowlton; she d. in
Worcester June 21, 1883.
 - 18 x. *Mary*, b. Oct. 18, 1791; md. Stillman Holden,
and resided many years in Gardner; she d.
Sept. 15, 1865; he resides in Erving.
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- (12) CHARLES KELTON md. Oct. 4, 1842. Susan Reed. He
is a farmer, living on the Emory Fairbanks farm. Six
children.
- 19 1. *Laura*, b. July 16, 1843; md. George W. Reed,
b. March 2, 1837, son of Jacob Reed of West-
ford; reside in this town.
 - 20 1. Hattie M., b. March 1, 1858; md. July
12, 1878, Alfred H. Cushing, son of
Benjamin Cushing, *q. v.*

- 21 2. Eva R., b. Sept. 27, 1868; md. Feb. 18,
 1886, William F. Walther.
- 22 3. Alvin, b. Oct. 10, 1878.
- 23 4. Lottie, b. Oct. 7, 1880.
- 24 II. Charles Otis, b. Aug. 26, 1845; md. 1867, Emma
 A. Reed.
- 25 III. Amasa W., b. June 18, 1848.
- 26 IV. Eliza J., b. Oct. 2, 1851; md. Nov. 17, 1872,
 George P. Howe, son of Perley Howe, *q. v.*
- 27 V. Luella, b. June 12, 1855; md. Wilbur W. Page.
- 28 VI. George H., b. Oct. 16, 1858.
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1 BENJAMIN KEMP, wife Judith and three children re-
moved to this town from Chelmsford in June, 1770. The
family disappear after a few years. The Chelmsford
records announce the birth of four children. It is prob-
able that John d. previous to 1770, as he is not named in
the warrant of caution against a settlement.

- 2 I. Judith, b. in Chelmsford Feb. 10, 1762.
- 3 II. Benjamin, b. in Chelmsford Feb. 22, 1764.
- 4 III. John, b. in Chelmsford May 19, 1766.
- 5 IV. Martha, b. in Chelmsford Aug. 27, 1768.
- 6 V. James, b. in Ashburnham Feb. 3, 1771.
- 7 VI. Kezia, b. in Ashburnham Aug. 8, 1773.
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1 AMOS KENDALL removed to this town between 1770 and
1775, and settled in the north part of the town. He dis-
appears from the records within a few years. There were
other Kendalls in this town and all of them possibly were
sons of Amos. All the information that is gleaned from
the records is here presented. A dau., Eunice, was
bap. May 7, 1775.

2 AMOS KENDALL, JR., md. May 28, 1777, Molly Willard,
and disappears from the records.

3 FRANCIS KENDALL d. in Sept., 1777, as recorded by
Mr. Cushing, "on his way home from ye army."

4 WILLIAM KENDALL md. probably before the family re-
moved to this town. The name of his wife was Polly.
He removed from town about 1806.

- 5 I. William, b. May 24, 1775.
- 6 II. Mary, b. July 22, 1777.

- 7 III. *Nancy*, b. Nov. 27, 1781.
- 8 IV. *Moses*, b. Sept. 7, 1784.
- 9 V. *Lydia*, b. Sept. 16, 1789.
- 10 VI. *Philip*, b. Aug. 24, 1799.

- 11 CALEB KENDALL md. in Shrewsbury Dec. 8, 1773, Priscilla Townsend, dau. of Joshua Townsend, *q. v.* He resided in Shrewsbury several years, and removed to this town previous to 1787. He md. (2d) April 15, 1788, Lucy Kendall of Lancaster, and in 1792 he removed to Winchendon.

- 12 I. *Priscilla*, b. Jan. 20, 1777.
- 13 II. *Caleb*, b. Jan. 25, 1779.
- 14 III. *Lucy*, bap. June 14, 1789.
- 15 IV. *David*, bap. May 29, 1791.
- 16 V. *Samuel*, b. Oct. 11, 1792.

- 17 ALVIN KENDALL, son of Martin and Prudence Kendall and a grandson of Benjamin and Kezia (Twichell) Kendall of Sherburne and Gardner, was b. Dec. 13, 1805. He md. Nov. 29, 1832, Hannah Bemis, dau. of William Bemis, *q. v.* He was formerly engaged in the manufacture of chairs in the Central Village. He d. in this town Feb. 8, 1849; his widow d. in Milford, N. H., June 11, 1886.

- 18 I. *Mary M.*, b. Jan. 17, 1834; md. Nov. 27, 1852, George E. Sawtell, son of Caleb Sawtell, *q. v.*; they reside in Milford, N. H.
- 19 II. *Hannah Elizabeth*, b. Sept. 9, 1836; md. 1854, Frederick P. Brown of Winchendon; she d. Feb. 12, 1859.
- 20 III. *Lorette*, b. Jan. 3, 1840; unmd.; resides in Milford, N. H.
- 21 IV. *Martin*, b. Oct. 3, 1841; d. Nov. 18, 1846.
- 22 V. *Wealthy*, b. Sept. 25, 1844; md. May 23, 1861, Albert T. Willard, son of Alonzo L. Willard, *q. v.*; reside in Bethel, Vt.
- 23 VI. *Abbie Maria*, b. Dec. 20, 1846; md. Nov. 9, 1876, Jacob Kendall; resided in Temple, N. H., where she d. June 17, 1883.

- 1 SAMUEL KEYES, b. Dec. 18, 1784, son of Ephraim and Bridget (Sawyer) Keyes of Plymouth, N. H., and a grandson of Ephraim Keyes, was the first of the name in this town. He md. Dec. 5, 1811, Abigail Benjamin, dau. of Daniel Benjamin, *q. v.* They removed to Weston and

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later to Plymouth, N. H., but returned to Ashburnham 1820. He was a farmer and lived on a farm in the north part of the town, frequently called the Benjamin farm. He d. March 16, 1868; she d. Feb. 16, 1869.

- 2 i. *Almira*, b. March 13, 1813; md. 1838, James
Cooper of Jamaica Plain; she d. about 1827.
- 3 ii. *John T. G.*, b. Nov. 10, 1814; d. Aug. 14, 1829.
- 4 iii. *Samuel H.*, b. Aug. 13, 1816; md. 1841, Eliza-
beth C. Newell of Lynn; a farmer; he d. in
this town March 31, 1843.
- 5 iv. *Daniel B.*, b. Oct. 22, 1818; md. Mary Jane
Stevens; d. Aug. 14, 1856, in Boston.
- 6 v. *Elizabeth J.*, b. Aug. 27, 1822; md. James Cooper
of Weston.
- 7 vi. *Sarah H.*, b. Oct. 19, 1824; md. Lewis K. Ward,
son of Jacob Ward, *q. v.*
- 8 vii. *Charles S.*, b. Feb. 23, 1827; resides unmd. in this
town.
- 9 viii. *Catherine W.*, b. July 13, 1832; md. Feb. 26,
1854, Otis P. Butler of Rindge, son of Jabez
and Betsey (Boyden) Butler; she d. April 7,
1880.
- 10 ix. *Caroline W.* (twin), b. July 13, 1832; md. Nov.
15, 1870, Aaron S. Sawtell, son of Aaron and
Ruth (Metcalf) Sawtell of Rindge; she d. Oct.
4, 1878.

1 JOHN KIBLING, one of the German emigrants, was an early settler in this town. The name was written Kiblinger through two generations, and in this form the name appears in the early chapters of this volume. He was b. in Germany 1722, and in 1758, being one of the seven original proprietors of the Lexington grant, he removed to this town. He settled upon land since known as the Constantine farm, and in 1785 he exchanged farms with Jacob Constantine and removed to the farm now of Alden B. Marble. He was a man of recognized character and ability. He was a selectman nine years between 1765 and 1777, the dates of incorporation and of his death. His wife, Catherine (Wolfe) Kiblinger, lives in the traditions of the town as an intelligent and accomplished lady. He d. April 4, 1777; she d. at the home of one of her children in Vermont March 28, 1821, aged 91.

- 2 i. *Jacob*, b. Dec. 14, 1753. +
- 3 ii. *John*, b. Sept. 3, 1755. +
- 4 iii. *Catherine*, b. Nov. 27, 1757; md. Samuel Salter,

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- 5 iv. *Jane*, b. March 12, 1760; md. Jonathan Lawrence, *q. v.*
- 6 v. *Elizabeth*, b. April 24, 1763; md. Jan. 19, 1785, Humphrey Rood of Hartland, Vt.
- 7 vi. *Sarah*, b. July 14, 1765.
- 8 vii. *Margaret*, b. 1767; d. Dec. 5, 1768. This was the first death recorded by Mr. Cushing. Alas! how many since.
- 9 viii. *Hannah*, b. Oct. 18, 1769; md. 1789, Nathaniel Kendall of Windsor, Vt.
- 10 ix. *Henry*, b. May 15, 1768.+

(2) DEA. JACOB KIBLINGER, upon whom the mantle of his father appeared to fall, was one of the influential men of the town. He was a selectman many years and acceptably filled many other positions of trust. He was a deacon of the Baptist organization, with which several families of this town were connected. For many years the town chose tithingmen and supplemented the record with the choice of Dea. Jacob Kiblinger, tithingman for the Baptists. His name is borne on the Revolutionary rolls, serving at least three enlistments which are stated in Chapter V. About 1802 he removed to Stafford, Vt., where he d. 1839. He md. Feb. 21, 1777, Sarah Coolidge, dau. of Elisha Coolidge, *q. v.*

- 11 i. *John*, b. May 9, 1778.+
- 12 ii. *Sarah*, b. Feb. 3, 1780; md. — Bundy.
- 13 iii. *Katy*, b. May 3, 1782; md. Sylvanus Graves.
- 14 iv. *Jacob*, b. Nov. 9, 1784; md. Sally Slyfield.
- 15 v. *Betty*, b. March 16, 1793; md. Benjamin George.
- 16 vi. *Sylvia*, b. Oct. 15, 1795; md. Thomas Haselton.
- 17 vii. *Stillman*, b. March 26, 1800; md. Adaline Hatch.

(3) JOHN KIBLING md. July 6, 1778, Betty Fisher, and removed from this town to Vermont, about 1786. He was a soldier in the Revolution. *Vide* Chap. V.

- 18 i. *John*, b. Jan. 20, 1779.
- 19 ii. *Jeremiah*, b. Oct. 17, 1781.
- 20 iii. *Josiah*, b. May 25, 1783.

(10) CAPT. HENRY KIBLING was a captain of the militia company in 1801. In the War of 1812 he was in the service in a Vermont regiment. About this time he suffered the amputation of a leg on account of an improper treatment of a broken bone. With a substitute of wood his movements were strong and rapid. He md. Jan. 1, 1799,

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Sukey Hobart, dau. of Shebuel Hobart, *q. v.* In the record of births her name is written Susannah. He d. Jan. 28, 1843.

- 21 I. *Susan*, b. Dec. 27, 1799; md. Harvey Heald, *q. v.*
- 22 II. *Hobart F.*, b. March 2, 1802; md. Eleanor Crawford of Malone, N. Y. They buried three little children in July, 1832. He removed from town 1833, and has not since been heard from.
- 23 III. *Henry*, b. April 24, 1804.+
- 24 IV. *George W.*, b. March 26, 1810, resided in Ashburnham until 1842, when he removed to Hanover, N. H., where he still resides and has there been successfully engaged in business. He md. Sarah Fisher and has children: Harriet, Elizabeth and George.
- 25 V. *Osman*, b. July 21, 1812; d. Sept. 29, 1825.
- 26 VI. *Joseph H.*, b. Sept. 20, 1814; md. 1835, Elvira Norris of Jaffrey, N. H.; md. (2d) Dora Harlow of Portland, Me.; md. (3d) 1871, Mary Evans Carson of Portland, Oregon. He d. at Portland, Oregon, April 15, 1879.
- 27 VII. *Cyrene*, b. Dec. 27, 1816; md. George Baker, *q. v.*
- 28 VIII. *Orilla*, b. March 9, 1820; md. 1837, George W. Townsend. They resided in this town where she d. Aug. 2, 1844. He md. (2d) Abigail Lane, dau. of Elias Lane, *q. v.*

(11) JOHN KIBLING, son of Dea. Jacob, md. Nov. 20, 1800, Sarah Lane, dau. of Col. Francis Lane, *q. v.* He was a farmer in New Hampshire and Vermont, and subsequently at Lane Village. He d. Jan. 17, 1846; she d. Aug. 19, 1865.

- 29 I. *Francis*, b. Feb. 10, 1801.+
- 30 II. *Clarissa H.*, b. Aug. 16, 1802; md. Oct. 14, 1820, Mansel Haselton; md. (2d) Jan. 17, 1828, Nathan King of Shirley; he d. June 23, 1860.
- 31 III. *Hepsibeth*, b. 1805; d. Nov., 1815.
- 32 IV. *Emeline*, b. March 24, 1807; md. Samuel Foster, son of Nathaniel Foster, *q. v.*
- 33 V. *Miranda*, b. Jan. 27, 1813; md. Oct. 29, 1835, Joseph A. Gibson, b. in New Ipswich Oct. 29, 1835, son of Dr. Stillman Gibson. They resided in New Ipswich, where he d. Feb. 22, 1875.

- 34 1. J. Stillman, b. Jan. 27, 1837; md. Oct. 27, 1864, Lucinda J. Foscett.
 - 35 2. Angelia M., b. Aug. 10, 1838; md. Aug. 27, 1864, Levi S. Wright.
 - 36 3. Henry M., b. March 20, 1840; d. March 9, 1841.
 - 37 4. Annie M., b. July 10, 1842; md. 1869, Richard J. Hargreaves.
 - 38 5. Sarah R., b April 8, 1845; md. July 6, 1879, George W. Shattuck.
 - 39 6. Frederic J., b. Dec. 28, 1848.
 - 40 7. Elsie E., b. Dec. 19, 1851; d. June 27, 1874.
 - 41 8. L. Angenette, b. March 10, 1855.
 - 42 vi. *Lucy Ann*, b. July 8, 1820; md. 1841, Horace L. Balcom, b. in Leverett Jan. 23, 1815, son of Reuben and Elizabeth (Hartwell) Balcom; resided in Ashburnham, where she d. Aug. 5, 1855; he md. (2d) Nov. 16, 1856, Jeanette D. Ketchum, b. in Milton, Vt., Sept. 5, 1821. There are two children of Horace L. and Lucy (Kibling) Balcom.
 - 43 1. Francis S., b. Oct. 1, 1843; md. Addie Rugg.
 - 44 2. Elsie Maria, b. Aug. 16, 1848; md. 1869, Adelbert A. Bradford, son of Austin A. Bradford. Reside in Rindge.
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- (23) CAPT. HENRY KIBLING, JR., was an active citizen of this town until his removal to Dublin in 1862 or 1863. He was a popular officer in the Light Infantry and an account of this service appears in Chap. XVIII. He md. June 7, 1829, Mary Jewett Woods, dau. of John Woods, *q. v.*; she d. Aug. 10, 1848; md. (2d) Jan. 10, 1849, Maria C. Peabody, b. Sept. 4, 1828; she d. Aug. 17, 1853; md. (3d) Jan. 12, 1854, Ellen L. Peabody, b. Oct. 31, 1826; she d. Dec. 7, 1857; md. (4th) May 4, 1858, Eliza (Marshall) Matthews, b. July 25, 1804; she d. Aug. 27, 1880; he d. July 7, 1884.
- 45 i. *Mary Elizabeth*, b. Nov. 5, 1830; d. June 17, 1846.
 - 46 ii. *Henry Osman*, b. May 22, 1832; d. July 30, 1854.
 - 47 iii. *Joseph Heald*, b. March 16, 1834; d. May 22, 1854.
 - 48 iv. *Elvira Amanda*, b. Feb. 27, 1836; d. Aug. 15, 1854.

- 49 v. *Emily Amelia*, b. April 24, 1838; d. Oct. 1, 1839.
 50 vi. *Edward Atkinson*, b. Feb. 23, 1841; d. Oct. 22, 1841.
 51 vii. *Alfred Miller*, b. Oct. 13, 1849; railroad engineer, Boston.
 52 viii. *Erlon Arthur*, b. June 28, 1851; railroad engineer, Boston.
 53 ix. *Flora Maria*, b. May 28, 1853; md. 1873, Charles G. Matthews of Hancock, N. H.; she d. Oct. 20, 1881.
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(29) FRANCIS KIBLING, son of John, md. Feb. 23, 1825, Waity Lawrence, dau. of Moses Lawrence, *q. v.* He resided at Lane Village. His wife d. Dec. 12, 1860; he md. (2d) Dec. 15, 1861, Paulina (Locke) Streeter, widow of Thomas Streeter of Rindge. He d. Aug. 13, 1878; his widow resides in Fitchburg.

- 54 i. *Elsie L.*, b. March 23, 1826; md. Dr. Alfred Miller, *q. v.*
 55 ii. *J. Augustus*, b. Aug., 1828; md. Mary Hastings.
 56 iii. *Francis G.*, b. Nov., 1832; md. March 18, 1858, Laura A. Whitmore, dau. of Col. Enoch Whitmore, *q. v.* Enlisted in 21st Regiment; d. in the service Feb. 22, 1864.
 57 1. Luella J., b. June 17, 1860; d. Aug. 7, 1868.
 58 2. Walter B., b. April 20, 1862.
 59 3. Frank A., b. Jan. 18, 1864.
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1 DANIEL KNIGHT md. Esther Fairbanks, dau. of Phineas Fairbanks, and removed from Harvard to this town 1788. The family disappear from the records about 1812. Of some families we can easily learn more than we want to know, but of this one the shades of night conceal the record. Only a fragmentary account of the children can be given.

- 2 i. *Daniel*, b. 1786; d. Sept. 13, 1803.
 3 ii. *Polly Dickinson*, bap. Nov. 23, 1788.
 4 iii. *Phineas Fairbanks*, bap. April 3, 1796.
 5 iv. *William*, bap. April 3, 1796.
 6 v. *Sarah*, bap. April 3, 1796.
 7 vi. *Cyrus*, bap. Oct. 20, 1805.
 8 vii. *Daniel*, bap. Oct. 20, 1805.
 9 viii. *Stedman*, bap. Sept. 13, 1807.
 10 ix. *Infant*, d. Dec. 19, 1810.

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| 11 | <p>x. <i>Infant</i> (twin), d. Dec. 19, 1810.
 A child of Daniel and Esther Knight, d. Sept. 21, 1805.</p> |
| 12 | <p>SAMUEL KNIGHT, b. 1776, removed to Fitzwilliam, N. H., 1830, and four years later he came to this town. He was an innholder at Central Village, and subsequently resided at Factory Village. His wife, Catherine, d. Nov. 30, 1842. He md. (2d) Aug. 29, 1843, Mademoisella (Townsend) Dunster, <i>q. v.</i> He d. Aug. 18, 1850; she md. (3d) Sept. 5, 1851, Samuel Keyes of Temple, N. H., who d. Nov. 5, 1852; she d. in Ashby Nov. 25, 1881. The only children of Samuel and Catherine Knight of whom any record appears were as follows:</p> |
| 13 | <p>i. <i>Samuel D.</i>, b. —; resided several years in this town.</p> |
| 14 | <p>ii. <i>Israel W.</i>, b. —; he was the proprietor several years of the Central House and of the coaches running to Ashburnham Junction. He md. 1836, Tryphosa M. Moore of Leverett. She d. Oct. 1, 1841; md. (2d) May 30, 1843, Mary A. Wheeler of Ashby; he d. Sept. 5, 1858; she md. (2d) Nov. 22, 1860, S. Gilman Frost of Fitchburg.</p> |
| 15 | <p>1. James M., b. Aug. 26, 1837; md. 1858, Charlotte Kidder; d. in Keene, N. H., May 21, 1883.</p> |
| 16 | <p>2. Persis A. W., b. April 14, 1840; d. Sept. 20, 1848.</p> |
| 17 | <p>3. Charles M., b. March 29, 1846; d. Sept. 22, 1846.</p> |
| 18 | <p>4. Cynthia E., b. June 5, 1848; md. Dec. 7, 1868, George A. Upton (Adams 85); she d. May 28, 1885.</p> |

LANE.

The Lane families of this town are descendants of John Lane who d. in Bedford Dec. 7, 1789, aged 69. The earlier American generations are clearly stated in Hazen's History of Billerica, from which the following outline is drawn. Job Lane, an English emigrant, b. 1634, was a resident of Malden in 1654. He was a carpenter, and built a house in New London, Conn., in payment of the Winthrop farm of 1500 acres in Billerica, of which he acquired possession in 1664. About this time he removed to Billerica, and in 1668 he built the great bridge across Concord river. After a residence of twenty years in Billerica he returned to Malden, where he d. Aug. 23, 1697. He owned an estate in England which he bequeathed to his son, John. His first wife was Sarah, who d. 1659; he md. (2d) 1660, Anna Reyner, dau. of Rev. John Reyner of Plymouth and Dover, N. H.; she d. Aug. 30, 1704, aged 72.

John Lane, son of Job and Anna (Reyner) Lane, was b. in Malden in Oct., 1681. He was an only son and he inherited one-half the Winthrop farm in Billerica where he resided. He was a colonel of the militia, and was prominent in the Indian wars and alarms of that period, and was a selectman even years. He md. March 20, 1681-2, Susanna Whipple, dau. of John Whipple of Ipswich; she d. Aug. 4, 1713; he d. in the midst of an honorable career Jan. 17, 1714-15.

Job Lane, son of John and Susanna (Whipple) Lane, was b. in Billerica June 22, 1689; md. Dec. 16, 1713, Martha Ruggles, b. in Roxbury, dau. of Samuel and Martha (Woodbridge) Ruggles and a sister of Rev. Samuel Ruggles of Billerica. He inherited the homestead and lived in Billerica, where he d. after 1762.

John Lane, son of Job and Martha (Ruggles) Lane, b. Oct. 2, 1720, moved to Bedford and was there an influential citizen. He md. Feb. 13, 1745-6, Ruth Bowman, b. in Lexington Dec. 23, 1723, dau. of John and Mary (Stone) Bowman; she d. Aug. 13, 1759. He md. (2d) May 23, 1761, Mrs. Sarah Hildreth. There were eight children by the first and three by the second marriage.

- 1 COL. FRANCIS LANE, son of John and Ruth (Bowman) Lane, was b. in Bedford Aug. 31, 1750. As a soldier in the Revolution his familiar name first appears in the records of Ashburnham. He was a corporal in Capt. Gates' company in April, 1775, and he served as a sergeant in Capt. Wilder's company to the close of the year. As early as 1779 he was a lieutenant, and July 1, 1781, he was commissioned a captain of the militia. During the Revolution the regimental and line officers were also provost officers, and to them were directed the frequent orders for raising men and the adjustment of quotas. Subsequently he was a major and a lieutenant-colonel until his resignation in 1792. Col. Lane removed to Ashburnham in the spring of 1775 or earlier. He was a farmer and a miller. For several years he lived on the "Hart Place," and then removed to Lane Village, where he built and conducted a saw and grain mill. For many years he was prominent in town affairs, and his name frequently appears in the list of town officers. During the later years of his life he mingled less freely with his townsmen, and his name is seldom met in the records. He md. Sept. 30, 1779, Hephzibah Coolidge, b. in Waltham March 9, 1754, dau. of Capt. William and Elizabeth (Brown) Coolidge; she d. March 14, 1795. He md. (2d) 1801, Sarah (Cushing) Burr, widow of John Burr of Winchendon, and dau. of Joseph and Sarah (Leavitt) Cushing. He d. May 1, 1823.

- 2 i. John Coolidge, b. July 2, 1781; d. Sept. 16, 1781.
 3 ii. Sarah, b. June 11, 1782; md. John Kibling, q. v.
 4 iii. Lucy, b. July 6, 1783; md. John Jones, q. v.
 5 iv. Elias, b. Feb. 21, 1785. +
 6 v. Abigail, b. June 1, 1786; d. Aug. 31, 1786.
 7 vi. Francis, b. Aug. 20, 1787. +

- 8 VII. *Abigail*, b. May 20, 1789; d. unmd. Dec. 13,
1813.
9 VIII. *John*, b. May 15, 1791; d. March 19, 1792.
10 IX. *John*, b. Oct. 9, 1792.+

- (5) ELIAS LANE md. Sept. 3, 1809, Anna Jones, dau. of Nathan Jones, *q. v.* He was a farmer and a miller, residing near the school-house in the tenth district. He was a selectman, and was elected to other positions of trust. He d. Aug. 20, 1859; she d. March 30, 1853.
- 11 I. *Elias Coolidge*, b. Dec. 30, 1809; md. Sept. 20, 1835, Mary Farwell; removed to Gloucester, Me., where he d. Aug., 1878.
- 12 II. *Sarah Ann*, b. March 2, 1811; d. unmd. Feb. 28, 1862.
- 18 III. *George Etheridge*, b. April 22, 1812; md. Jan. 15, 1840, Mary J. Emory, dau. of Enos Emory, *q. v.* They reside in Fitchburg.
- 14 IV. *Gilbert Bainbridge*, b. June 17, 1813; md. Eliza A. Jones, and removed to Chelsea, Vt., where he d. June 9, 1860.
- 15 V. *Edwin Philander*, b. Dec. 28, 1814; d. unmd. in Gloucester, Me., Aug. 30, 1838.
- 16 VI. *Charles Stillman*, b. March 2, 1816; md. Nov. 17, 184-, Honor Goodrich; md. (2d) Helen (Pettis) Lawton; resides in Brattleboro', Vt.
- 17 VII. *Lorenzo Alexander*, b. March 26, 1817; md. Rebecca Brown; he d. in Ashburnham Feb. 12, 1881; she d. the same day, Feb. 12, 1881.
- 18 VIII. *Abigail Amanda*, b. May 25, 1818; md. Nov. 26, 1845, George W. Townsend; she d. Feb. 19, 1884.
- 19 IX. *Mary Jones*, b. July 27, 1820; d. April 1, 1839.
- 20 X. *Marcus Aurelius*, b. June 2, 1822; md. Amanda Ogden; resides in Glens Falls, N. Y.
- 21 XI. *Eliza Maria*, b. June 25, 1823; md. Oct. 11, 1846, Charles Henry Emory, son of Enos Emory, *q. v.*
- 22 XII. *Abraham Lowe*, b. Nov. 23, 1824; d. unmd. in Rindge May 4, 1863.
- 23 XIII. *Nancy Augusta*, b. March 24, 1826; md. Feb. 8, 1849, Henry A. Smith, b. June 5, 1817, son of Henry and Asenath (Rand) Smith of Rindge; resided in Townsend, Rindge and Franklin; she d. Sept. 9, 1883.
- 24 XIV. *Marilla Jane*, b. July 1, 1827; md. Nov. 24, 1850, Pascal P. Emory, son of Enos Emory, *q. v.*

- 25 xv. *Lucy Matilda*, b. June 30, 1829; md. *Francis A. Whitney*, son of *Ohio Whitney*, *q. v.*

- (7) FRANCIS LANE was a captain of the militia. He was a man of good judgment and was successful in the conduct of the mill at Lane Village. He md. Nov. 11, 1811, *Susannah Foster*, dau. of *Samuel Foster*, *q. v.* He d. Oct. 11, 1856; she d. March 15, 1867.

- 26 i. *Allen Francis*, b. March 24, 1812; md. Oct. 28, 1840, *Laura P. Tyler*. He was a farmer and a mechanic. He d. Dec. 3, 1886; resided on the *Timothy Fisher* place.

- 27 1. *Henry T.*, b. Sept. 20, 1841; he d. in the service in the Civil War, Oct. 29, 1864.

- 28 2. *Infant*, b. May 8, 1843; d. May 18, 1843.

- 29 3. *Laura A.*, b. Nov. 25, 1844; md. *William Richardson* of *Fitchburg*.

- 30 4. *Emma L.*, b. April 8, 1847; d. Sept. 1, 1847.

- 31 5. *Ellen M.*, b. Oct. 25, 1849; md. Nov. 27, 1879, *Charles T. Harding* of *Fitchburg*.

- 32 6. *Albert*, b. March 22, 1858; md. June 19, 1881, *Ada E. Lyndes*; resides in *Westminster*.

- 33 7. *James A.*, b. Nov. 18, 1854; md. Dec. 17, 1881, *Carrie Belle McIntire*, dau. of *Robert W. McIntire*, *q. v.*; a carpenter at *Lane Village*.

- 34 8. *Francis W.*, b. Oct. 24, 1858; *Dartmouth College* 1881; an Examiner of Pensions. *vide* page 508. He md. Dec. 26, 1881, *Gertrude D. Kilbourne*, dau. of *Lewis S. and Gertrude B. (Dewey) Kilbourne* of *Litchfield, Conn.*

- 35 9. *Justin E.*, b. April 8, 1861; d. June 17, 1861.

- 36 ii. *Hepsibah*, b. June 14, 1813; md. Aug. 3, 1843, *Israel A. Packard*, *q. v.*

- 37 iii. *Amos F.*, b. Jan. 30, 1815; md. June 26, 1839, *Martha Ward*, dau. of *Nathaniel D. Ward*, *q. v.* He d. March 7, 1878; she d. Jan. 28, 1862.

- 38 1. *William W.*, b. Nov. 7, 1841; unmd.; resides in *Ashburnham*.

- 39 2. *Albert Francis*, b. Feb. 24, 1844; d. Sept. 16, 1847.

- 40 3. Sarah N., b. April 8, 1846; d. Sept. 14, 1847.
- 41 4. George F., b. Oct. 15, 1848; resides in Kingston; md. Sept. 28, 1878, Abbie Maglathlin, who d. Jan. 23, 1880; md. (2d) March 6, 1881, D. Marinda Keevy. Two children. He is a merchant and postmaster.
- 42 5. Elmira J., b. Dec. 30, 1850; md. — Walker; resides in Minnesota.
- 43 6. Oman F., b. March 31, 1853; unmd.; resides in Ashburnham.
- 44 7. Mary E., b. May 25, 1856; md. Charles A. Haven, son of Elijah Haven, *q. v.*
- 45 8. Walter A., b. July 19, 1858; resides in Kingston; md. Sept. 9, 1883, Eva T. Wright. Two children.
- 46 9. Samuel A., b. July 26, 1860; d. Sept. 3, 1860.
- 47 10. John F., b. Aug. 22, 1861; d. April 28, 1864.
- 48 iv. Samuel, b. May 21, 1817; md. Dec. 30, 1841, Nancy H. Eaton, b. April 18, 1822, dau. of Joel Eaton of Fitchburg. He d. Nov. 6, 1856; she md. (2d) Jan. 1, 1861, Charles B. Jones, son of John E. and Cynthia (Lincoln) Jones. They reside at Lane Village.
- 49 1. Joel E., b. April 18, 1843; d. Jan 1, 1859.
- 50 2. Mary S., b. Jan. 20, 1845; d. Dec. 5, 1845.
- 51 3. S. Edward, b. Oct. 18, 1846; md. June 3, 1866, Edna L. Pierce; resides in Royalston.
- 52 4. Frederick D., b. July 4, 1849; Dartmouth College 1878; an instructor in Cushing Academy. *Vide page 508.*
- 53 5. Suetta M., b. Oct 20, 1850; d. Dec. 23, 1858.
- 54 v. Milton, b. Feb. 27, 1819; md. Nov. 5, 1851, Mary Parkhurst, b. Aug. 1, 1831; she d. Oct. 25, 1863; md. (2d) Jan., 1867, Jane (Pierce) Flagg; he d. — 1876; she md. J. Chauncey Lawrence, *q. v.*
- 55 1. Ella M., b. Sept. 10, 1855; unmd.; resides in Rindge.

- 56 2. Hattie P., b. Dec. 16, 1857; unmd.;
resides in Fitchburg.
- 57 3. Genery M., b. Oct. 19, 1860; resides in
Ashburnham.
- 58 4. Delia M., b. March 25, 1863; resides in
Ashburnham.
- 59 5. Gertrude E., b. Nov. 4, 1867.
- 60 6. Herbert L., b. Nov. 20, 1869.
- 61 VI. *Leonard*, b. April 21, 1821; md. June 4, 1856,
Lucy Pollard, dau. of William Pollard, *q. v.*;
resides on the Samuel Cutting farm.
- 62 1. Ada Estella, b. May 10, 1859; d. Jan. 1,
1863.
- 63 VII. *Hosea*, b. April 20, 1823; d. Aug. 7, 1828.
- 64 VIII. *Susan W.*, b. Jan. 23, 1825; unmd.; resides in
Ashburnham.
- 65 IX. *Rebecca Clarissa*, b. Jan. 29, 1827; md. Merrick
Eaton, son of Josiah Eaton, *q. v.*
- 66 X. *Eleanor Jane*, b. Jan. 27, 1829; md. Daniel W.
Lane, son of Benjamin Lane, Jr., *q. v.*
- 67 XI. *Hosea Foster*, b. Feb. 7, 1831. For thirty years
he has been the efficient principal of the Tem-
pleton High School. He md. Aug. 16, 1858;
Elizabeth E. Fairbanks, dau. of Emory Fair-
banks, *q. v.*
- 68 1. Charles H., b. Sept. 14, 1859.
- 69 2. Arthur Francis, b. July 17, 1861; d. Oct.
17, 1862.
- 70 XII. *Charles W.*, b. Aug. 15, 1833; md. Oct. 31,
1867, Philena (Howard) Packard, b. Jan. 20,
1834, widow of Horace C. Packard and dau. of
Josiah Howard of Hinsdale, N. H. He resides
on the homestead.
- 71 1. Harry Charles, b. Jan. 29, 1872.
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- (10) JOHN LANE md. April 10, 1822, Anna Cook, dau. of
John Cook, *q. v.* He resided on the Henry Willard farm
now owned by his daughter. He d. Dec. 13, 1845; she
d. Aug. 27, 1851.
- 72 I. *Mary A.*, b. Oct. 12, 1832; md. William H.
Emory, *q. v.*
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- 73 LIEUT. BENJAMIN LANE, a brother of Col. Francis, was
b. in Bedford March 17, 1754. He came to Ashburn-

ham in the spring of 1780, and settled on the road leading from the old common to the "Children of the Woods." The premises are still known as the Benjamin Lane place. While he was clearing land and building a house for himself he boarded with his brother, and when the house was burned he lost his clothing except one suit, which was probably the best one, as he was attending church at the time of the fire. In 1781 he was chosen an agent to procure the beef levied as a tax upon the towns of the State, and subsequently his name is often found in the records of town meetings. He md. Anna Page; she d. Sept. 4, 1784; he md. (2d) May 26, 1785, Isabel Hill, b. Dec. 3, 1761, dau. of Jonathan and Mary (Lane) Hill of Billerica, and a sister of Ralph Hill of Ashby. He d. Dec. 20, 1835; his wife d. Jan. 1, 1833.

- 74 I. *Dolly*, b. Oct. 18, 1780; d. Jan. 20, 1784.
- 75 II. *Josiah*, b. March 28, 1782.+
- 76 III. *Isabel*, b. July 7, 1788; d. unmd. Feb. 13, 1825.
- 77 IV. *Benjamin*, b. 1786; d. July 31, 1791.
- 78 V. *Dolly*, b. May 22, 1790; md. July 25, 1826, Benjamin Howard of Ashby; she d. Nov. 3, 1833.
- 79 VI. *Anna*, b. April 29, 1792; md. June 28, 1812, William Stearns.
- 80 VII. *Roxanna*, b. Oct. 4, 1793; md. John Cook, Jr., q. v.
- 81 VIII. *Benjamin*, b. June 23, 1795.+
- 82 IX. *Lucinda*, b. Dec. 11, 1797; md. 1823, John W. Cutting of Weston; she d. April 20, 1854.
- 83 X. *Susan*, b. Oct. 29, 1799; md. March, 1831, Benjamin Jaquith of Ashby; md. (2d) Nathaniel Swain; she d. Oct. 6, 1880.
- 84 XI. *Sally*, b. Oct. 8, 1801; md. Dec. 28, 1828, Franklin Stearns of Billerica, b. Jan. 25, 1802, son of John and Mary (Lane) Stearns and a brother of Gov. Onslow Stearns of New Hampshire. Six children.
- 85 XII. *Melinda*, b. May 21, 1804; md. Nov. 29, 1838, Benjamin Ward, q. r.

(75) JOSIAH LANE md. March 28, 1805, Nancy Wilder, dau. of Caleb Wilder, q. r. They resided in this town until 1828, when with nine children, leaving four little graves in the cemetery, they removed to Cambridge. While a resident of this town he established and conducted a post route between Ashburnham and Worcester. He d. in Anoka, Minn., Feb. 28, 1876, aged 91 years. His wife d. in Somerville, May 4, 1853.

- 86 i. *Julia Ann Cushing*, b. Oct. 7, 1805; md. Jan. 22, 1835, H. A. Harrington; d. in Anoka, Minn., Feb. 10, 1881.
- 87 ii. *Mary Jane Woodward*, b. July 19, 1807; md. John L. Prather.
- 88 iii. *Charles W.*, b. Jan. 31, 1809; d. Dec. 2, 1809.
- 89 iv. *George V.*, b. Nov. 28, 1810; d. Oct. 7, 1818.
- 90 v. *Nancy W.*, b. Feb. 28, 1812; d. Dec. 2, 1818.
- 91 vi. *Alexander Page*, b. Aug. 30, 1814; md. 1836, Anna M. Favor; resides at Eureka Springs, Ark.
- 92 vii. *Augustus Joy*, b. Dec. 26, 1815; md. 1841, Susan Skidmore; d. at Wilbraham Oct. 11, 1880.
- 93 viii. *Electa Frances Wilder*, b. June 19, 1817; md. Dec. 31, 1837, Aquilla Willette; d. in Davenport, Iowa, Sept. 2, 1839.
- 94 ix. *David Hyslop*, b. April 2, 1820; md. July 13, 1845, Harriet L. Bettinson; d. in Anoka, Minn., Nov. 13, 1878.
- 95 x. *Joseph Hayden*, b. Oct. 25, 1822; md. Hester Prather; resides at Chicago, Ill.
- 96 xi. *George S. W.*, b. Sept. 15, 1824; d. Feb. 15, 1825.
- 97 xii. *John S. W.* (twin), b. Sept. 15, 1824; md. Dec. 31, 1848, Sarah Cushing; resides at Boston.
- 98 xiii. *Thomas Parkman Cushing*, b. May 30, 1827; md. Dec. 18, 1861, Helen M. Rose; resides at Mattoon, Ill.

(81) BENJAMIN LANE md. Dec., 1823. Abigail Walker, dau. of John and Mary (Stratton) Walker of New Ipswich. He was a farmer. He d. Oct. 18, 1880.

- 99 i. *Daniel Walker*, b. Dec. 4, 1824; md. Feb. 9, 1852, Jerusha E. Bemis; she d. Sept. 3, 1872; he md. (2d) April 23, 1874, Eleanor J. Lane, dau. of Francis Lane, Jr., q. r. He is a farmer.
- 100 1. Loretta, b. Dec. 14, 1852; d. Jan. 27, 1853.
- 101 2. Cyrus W., b. Feb. 23, 1854.
- 102 3. Minerva L., b. March 15, 1857.
- 103 ii. *Sarah*, b. Aug. 8, 1827; d. Jan. 13, 1828.
- 104 iii. *Martin B. Lane*, b. Sept. 4, 1828; md. Nov. 1, 1865, Carrie N. Adams, b. July 29, 1846, dau. of Capt. William Adams of Townsend. He was several years a merchant in this town, and is now a salesman.

- 105 1. Henry Martin, b. Nov. 28, 1867.
- 106 2. Willie Frank, b. July 22, 1870.
- 107 3. Abbott Benjamin, b. Jan. 4, 1876.
- 108 4. Mabel Augusta, b. June 7, 1879.
- 109 5. Orrie Adams, b. April 1, 1884.
- 110 iv. *George*, b. Sept. 23, 1829; md. Aug. 27, 1860,
Mary A. Castella, b. March 15, 1837. He is a
merchant in Newton.
- 111 v. *Sarah Abigail*, b. March 31, 1831; md. Oct. 5,
1865, Joseph Hague; reside in Malden.
- 112 vi. *Mary Ann*, b. April 5, 1832; d. July 5, 1842.
- 113 vii. *Emeline*, b. June 20, 1834; d. July 13, 1854.
- 114 viii. *Sophronia Asenath*, b. Oct. 20, 1835; d. Oct. 17,
1863.
- 115 ix. *Sewell Stearns*, b. Aug. 28, 1838; md. Feb. 7,
1867, Sarah Josephine Lovett of New Ipswich,
b. Jan. 17, 1843. He is a merchant in Gardner.

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- 116 WILLARD LAKE, lineage not traced, md. Nov. 28, 1782,
Lucy Stone, dau. of Oliver Stone, *q. v.* He lived in Fitz-
william, N. H., a short time and removed to Ashburn-
ham in 1783 and began tanning in Central Village. He
sold the tan-yard to Dea. William J. Lawrence in 1797,
and soon after removed from town. He d. March 15,
1818; his widow d. Jan. 13, 1832. They did not die in
this town. No record of children, if any, has been found,
except the death of an infant March 13, 1786.

LAWRENCE.

The name of Lawrence has been continued in this town without interrup-
tion since 1775. In addition to a few transient residents there are four dis-
tinct families of Lawrence in this town, and all are descendants of John
Lawrence the emigrant ancestor. Amos Lawrence (No. 1) and the father of
Dea. William J. Lawrence (No. 42) were first cousins; they also were first
cousins of Dea. Samuel Lawrence of Groton, the father of Hon. Abbott
Lawrence. Alethon Lawrence (No. 46) and Jeremiah, the father of Jeremiah
Lawrence (No. 78) were second cousins; but Elmithan and Jeremiah Law-
rence on the one hand and Amos and Dea. William J. Lawrence on the other
were remotely connected, having been descended from different sons of the
emigrant ancestor. A brief record of the generations is given.

John Lawrence, son of Henry and Mary Lawrence, bap. at Wisset, Eng-
land, Oct. 8, 1609, is found a resident of Watertown in 1636. He was ad-
mitted freeman April 17, 1637. In 1662 he removed to Groton and was
chosen to the first board of selectmen in that town. He md. Elizabeth —,
by whom he had thirteen children; she d. at Groton Aug. 29, 1663; he md.
(2d) Nov. 2, 1664, Susannah Batchelder who was the mother of two chil-
dren; he d. at Groton July 11, 1667; his widow d. July 8, 1668.

Dea. Nathaniel Lawrence, son of John and Elizabeth Lawrence, was b. at
Watertown, Oct. 15, 1639. He resided in Sudbury, Groton and Lexington.
While a resident of Groton, he was a deacon, a representative and was prom-
inent in public affairs. He md. March 13, 1660-1, Sarah Morse, b. Sept. 16,
1643, dau. of John and Hannah (Phillips) Morse of Dedham. He md. (2d)

Hannah —. He d. at Sudbury April 14, 1724. Among the children of Dea. Nathaniel and Sarah (Morse) Lawrence was John Lawrence, b. July 29, 1667. He was a farmer and a blacksmith in Groton until 1693, when he removed to Lexington, and there was an assessor, constable and selectman. He md. Nov. 9, 1687, Anna Tarbell, b. June 10, 1670, dau. of Thomas, Jr., and Anna (Longley) Tarbell. He d. March 12, 1746-7; his wife d. Dec. 19, 1732. Benjamin Lawrence, son of John and Anna (Tarbell) Lawrence, b. May 24, 1713, md. Feb. 12, 1734-5, Jane Russell, b. July 19, 1711, dau. of Jonathan and Elizabeth Russell of Lexington. He resided in Lexington, Westboro', and in 1749 he removed to Boston. He d. in Harvard July 5, 1767; his widow came to Ashburnham with her son Amos (No. 1) and d. here Aug. 11, 1786, aged, says Mr. Cushing, 78 years.

Another son of John and Anna (Tarbell) Lawrence of Groton and Lexington, was Jonathan Lawrence, b. Feb. 13, bap. Feb. 24, 1706. He lived in Sudbury, Framingham, and about 1740 he removed to Lexington where he was frequently elected to office. He md. Feb. 26, 1727, Elizabeth Swain. He d. March 19, 1773; his widow d. July 4, 1790. In his will appears a clause, "I give my negroes among all my children to be settled among them as they shall agree." There were ten children and among them was Jonathan Lawrence, b. in Framingham Feb. 5, 1734. He settled first in Woburn, where he md. Dec. 13, 1737, Elizabeth Johnson. In 1773 or 1774, with six children, they removed from Woburn to Ashby, where he d. Nov. 26, 1799; his wife d. Dec. 26, 1782; he md. (2d) 1784, Lydia Davis. Dea. William J. Lawrence (No. 42) was a son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Johnson) Lawrence.

A younger son of John Lawrence, the emigrant ancestor, was Peleg Lawrence, b. Jan. 10, 1646-7; md. 1668, Elizabeth Morse, b. Sept. 1, 1647, a sister of the wife of his brother, Dea. Nathaniel. He resided in Groton, where he d. 1692. Major Eleazer Lawrence, son of Peleg and Elizabeth (Morse) Lawrence, was b. in Groton Feb. 28, 1674. He resided in Groton, until after 1722, and there by wife Mary his ten children were b. Subsequently he removed to Littleton, where he was an influential citizen several years. He d. at Pepperell, probably at the home of his eldest son, March 9, 1754; his widow d. June 29, 1761, aged 82. Samuel Lawrence, son of Major Eleazer, b. in Groton May 2, 1714, md. May 6, 1737, Mary Hildreth of Westford. He resided in Littleton until about 1741, when he removed to Westford, and there remained about twenty years. Late in life he removed to Ashby where two of his sons were residing. He d. about 1789; his wife d. March 17, 1788. Charles Lawrence, son of Samuel and Mary (Hildreth) Lawrence, was b. in Littleton Jan. 20, 1740-1; he md. Naomi —. Their eldest child was b. in Groton, 1764; the second in Harvard 1766, the third in Ashby 1768, and five others in Ashby from 1771 to 1781. He d. in Ashby May 22, 1825; his wife d. June 2, 1805. Among the eight children of Charles and Naomi Lawrence were Reuben, whose descendants have resided in this town, and Alethon (No. 46).

Another son of Major Eleazer Lawrence was Dea. Jonathan Lawrence, b. in Groton Oct. 4, 1703; he removed to Littleton where he was a useful citizen, and d. Dec. 8, 1789. He md. Tryphena Powers who d. Aug. 23, 1752; he md. (2d) Oct. 10, 1754, Lydia Fletcher who d. March 21, 1803, aged 80. Peter Lawrence, son of Dea. Jonathan and Tryphena (Powers) Lawrence, b. Oct. 7, 1742, md. Persis —. He removed to Townsend about the date of his marriage, and when Ashby was incorporated his land was included in that town. He was an active citizen and his name is familiar in the early records of Ashby. He d. Oct. 21, 1793. Jeremiah Lawrence, his son, md. Rachel Wright, and subsequently removed to Ashburnham.

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- 1 | AMOS LAWRENCE, son of Benjamin and Jane (Russell) Lawrence, was b. in Westboro' Aug. 7, 1748. He md. 1772, Sarah Wetherbee, b. in Boxborough Nov. 22, 1748.

In 1774 he settled in the northwest part of this town near the school-house in the seventh district. He was a member of Capt. Gates' company in 1775, and subsequently from year to year he was chosen to office in the conduct of town affairs. He was an intelligent man. About 1800 he removed to Fitchburg. His wife d. April 5, 1818; he md. (2d) — White; he d. June 9, 1840; she d. in this town at the home of her daughter.

- 2 i. *Amos*, b. 1773; md. March 1, 1807, Sally Fletcher, b. in Westford 1773, dau. of Joshua and Elizabeth (Raymond) Fletcher, and a sister of Joshua Fletcher of this town. He resided in Fitchburg. Their children were Amos, Sophronia, Paul R. and Freeborn.
- 3 ii. *Nabby*, b. May 14, 1774; md. May 8, 1794, Ephraim Hale of Stow. She was the mother of nine children; she d. June 29, 1841.
- 4 iii. *Moses*, b. Sept. 24, 1775. +
- 5 iv. *Sarah*, b. May 8, 1777; md. April 18, 1797, Samuel Gates of Stow; six children; she d. Feb. 5, 1808.
- 6 v. *Anna*, b. Feb. 19, 1779; md. May 5, 1803, Dr. Israel Hale of Stow; four children; she d. Dec. 26, 1852.
- 7 vi. *Alice*, b. Aug. 12, 1781; md. March 7, 1804, Nehemiah Andrews of Fitchburg; five children; she d. Nov. 26, 1812.
- 8 vii. *Ezra*, b. March 16, 1783. +
- 9 viii. *Joel*, b. Aug. 9, 1785; md. Sarah Miles; lived in Ashburnham and in Fitchburg; d. in Fitchburg about 1860.
- 10 ix. *Martha*, b. Jan. 31, 1788; md. William Merriam, q. v.
- 11 x. *Betsy*, b. Jan. 1, 1790; md. Jan. 6, 1814, Nehemiah Andrews, who md. her sister Alice. Eleven children; she d. Feb. 8, 1855.
- 12 xi. *Uriah*, b. in Fitchburg 1822; md. March 1, 1850, Sarah Hadley, dau. of Gamaliel Hadley, q. v. They resided in Rindge, where she d. 1882. Eight children. He md. (2d) 1883, Betsey (Holden) Kendall, and removed to Sharon, N. H., where he now resides. Between the age of the father and this son there is a space of seventy-four years. It is probable that Uriah Lawrence is the only man living who can say that his father settled in Ashburnham previous to the Revolution.
- 13 xii. *Jane R.*, b. 1828; md. July 1, 1849, Charles Lawrence, son of Alethon Lawrence, q. v.

- (4) CAPT. MOSES LAWRENCE was the commander of the Ashburnham Light Infantry from 1810 to 1818. He built one or more houses and mills at North Village and was active in public and business affairs. He md. Feb. 25, 1798, Sarah Wetherell of Norton; she d. July 28, 1834; he md. (2d) 1835, Mrs. Desire Longley of Shirley. Late in life he removed to Shirley where he d.

- 14 I. *Alona*, b. July 23, 1799; d. Sept. 26, 1800.
 15 II. *Alona*, b. Jan. 26, 1801; md. Walter Russell, *q. v.*
 16 III. *Ruel*, b. Nov. 19, 1803; md. Jan. 29, 1827, Thankful Laws of Westminster. The Commonwealth had a controversy with him about a business affair; he responded not guilty; the court thought otherwise, and he d. in the State prison at Charlestown Sept. 19, 1849; his widow d. Oct. 26, 1849.
- 17 1. Harriet, b. Nov. 14, 1827; md. George
 18 R. Fergusson; removed to Boston.
 19 2. Charles Harvey, b. Nov. 7, 1830; resides
 in Illinois.
 20 3. Emily A., b. July 19, 1834; md. Horace
 21 Snow.
 22 4. Alden B., b. March 15, 1842.
 23 5. Adaline M., b. Dec. 7, 1845.
- 24 IV. *Waity*, b. Jan. 22, 1806; md. Francis Kibling,
q. v.
 25 V. *Sabrina*, b. May 27, 1808; md. Silas Willard; *q. v.*
 26 VI. *Luana*, b. July 26, 1810; md. George Wood, son
 of Jonathan Wood, *q. v.*
 27 VII. *Malvina*, b. July 5, 1812; d. Jan. 13, 1815.
 VIII. *Malvina*, b. July 15, 1816; md. Leonard Foster,
q. v.
 IX. *Elsie P.*, b. Dec. 23, 1818; d. Feb. 23, 1826.

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- (8) EZRA LAWRENCE md. June 30, 1808, Rebecca Ward, dau. of Caleb Ward, *q. v.* He resided in this town until about 1835, when he removed to Verona, N. Y., where he d. Oct. 16, 1849.

- 28 I. *Lowell*, b. June 21, 1809.
 29 II. *Windsor*, b. April 9, 1811.
 30 III. *Alma*, b. May 16, 1813; d. Dec. 12, 1823.
 31 IV. *Lorene*, b. Feb. 1, 1816.
 32 V. *Lavinia*, b. Oct. 21, 1818.
 33 VI. *Achsa*, b. Oct. 14, 1820.
 34 VII. *Sophia*, b. Oct. 11, 1822.

- 35 VIII. *Harriet*, b. Sept. 27, 1824.
 - 36 IX. *Joseph E.*, b. April 26, 1827.
 - 37 X. *Alfred B.*, b. Nov. 18, 1829.
 - 38 XI. *Gilbert*, b. Dec. 27, 1831.
 - 39 XII. *Marietta*, b. Dec. 30, 1834.
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40 JONATHAN LAWRENCE, a brother of Amos (No. 1), md. Jan. 14, 1779, Jane Kibling, dau. of John Kibling the emigrant. They lived in this town a short time but removed previous to 1787.

- 41 I. *Benjamin*, bap. Feb. 17, 1782.
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42 DEA. WILLIAM J. LAWRENCE, son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Johnson) Lawrence, was b. in Woburn Jan. 1, 1773. In his infancy the family removed to Ashby where he passed the years of childhood and youth. He was a tanner and it is possible he followed his trade in Lexington as he came from there to this town in 1797, and at the time of his removal he bought of Willard Lane a tan-yard that was located near the residence of George C. Foster, Esq. He built the house now occupied by his dau. Mrs. White, and joined many acres to his estate. He was an honest, conscientious man, and steadfast in his adherence to his convictions. He was a deacon of the Congregational church twenty-five years and was chosen to several positions in town affairs. He md. 1798, Elizabeth Griffin of Bedford. He d. suddenly July 8, 1844; his widow d. Feb. 18, 1862.

- 43 I. *Betsy*, b. Jan. 15, 1801; md. Josiah White, *q. v.*
 - 44 II. *Nancy*, b. Dec. 19, 1802; md. Samuel Barrett, *q. v.*
 - 45 III. *Zou*, b. April 21, 1804; md. Ivers White, *q. v.*
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46 ALETHON LAWRENCE, son of Charles and Naomi Lawrence, was b. in Ashby Oct. 15, 1771. In Ashby his name appears on the records as Alethon, but when he removed to Ashburnham the town officials wrote the name Elnathan. He md. 1797, Mary Tenney, dau. of Cheney Tenney of Littleton. He was a farmer and resided in Ashby until 1813, when he removed to this town. The farm is partly in this town and partly in Ashby. He d. in this town June 6, 1842; his widow d. 1861.

- 47 I. *Polly*, b. Feb. 15, 1798; d. March 30, 1800.
- 48 II. *Sarah*, b. April 18, 1800; md. Aug. 26, 1832,

Edward Smith; resided on North Turnpike.

- 49 1. Leonard, b. Aug. 10, 1835; removed to Westminster; md. Mary Mansfield.
- 50 III. *Mary*, b. May 3, 1801; md. Nathan Hunt.
- 51 IV. *Elizabeth*, b. May 10, 1804; md. Amos Derby.
- 52 V. *Leonard*, b. Feb. 17, 1806; d. July 29, 1806.
- 53 VI. *Zoa*, b. June 17, 1808; d. June 25, 1808.
- 54 VII. *Nancy*, b. June 17, 1809; md. 1834, Zimri Whitney, b. July 2, 1807, son of Isaac and Susannah Whitney of Ashby. They resided in Ashby, where he d., *felo de se*, and she d. 1879.
- 55 VIII. *Charles*, b. March 29, 1812. +
- 56 IX. *Leonard*, b. 1814. +

- (55) CHARLES LAWRENCE is a farmer residing on the North Turnpike. He md. Susan Lovejoy, b. Jan. 11, 1812, dau. of Benjamin and Ruth (Wood) Lovejoy of Rindge; she d. Dec., 1848; md. (2d) July 1, 1849, Jane R. Lawrence, dau. of Amos Lawrence, *q. v.* She d. Sept. 5, 1876; md. (3d) Sept., 1881, Martha (Hadley) Lawrence, widow of his brother Leonard. One child.
- 57 I. *Susan Jane*, b. June 19, 1851; md. Charles E. Mansfield, son of Jonathan M. Mansfield; she d. May, 1875.

- (56) LEONARD LAWRENCE was a farmer; he lived on the farm formerly of his father in the northeast part of the town. He md. May 4, 1837, Martha C. Hadley, dau. of Gamaliel Hadley, *q. r.* He d. suddenly June 14, 1870; his widow md. (2d) his brother, Charles Lawrence.
- 58 I. *Mary*, b. March 7, 1838; md. John Kendall of Ashby.
- 59 II. *Walter*, b. Aug. 23, 1840; md. 1868, Emeline A. Whitney, dau. of Dwell Whitney, *q. v.*
- 60 III. *Elnathan*, b. Feb. 4, 1842; unmd; resides in Ashby.
- 61 IV. *Martha Jane*, b. March 19, 1844; md. 1865, Lewis W. Whitney, son of Dwell Whitney, *q. r.*
- 62 V. *Charles*, b. June 23, 1846; md. 1881, II. Evelyn Foster; resides in Ashby.
- 63 VI. *Sarah A.*, b. Sept. 2, 1848; md. 1878, John Foster; reside in Colorado.
- 64 VII. *Hattie E.*, b. Sept. 3, 1852; md. Dec. 7, 1872, George W. Blanchard of Ashby.

- 65 viii. *Leonard*, b. Feb. 8, 1855; unmd; resides in Colorado.
 66 ix. *Amanda*, b. Dec. 20, 1859; md. Nov. 25, 1880, Alfred Brewer; resides in Ashburnham.
 67 x. *Alice N.*, b. May 7, 1867; md. Dec. 24, 1885, James Doloff; resides in Malden.

68 JOHN LAWRENCE, son of Reuben and Lois (Tenney) Lawrence, and a grandson of Charles and (Naomi) Lawrence, was b. in Ashby March 31, 1796. He md. 1834, Phebe W. Broughton, dau. of William Broughton.

69 i. *Esther Sirena*, b. July 21, 1834; md. March 14, 1854, Robert J. Elliot. He d. —.

70 1. *L. Agnes*, b. May 8, 1865; md. Dec. 24, 1885, Robert Samson.

71 2. *Etta M.*, b. June 18, 1867; md. Winslow O. Fletcher, *q. v.*

72 ii. *John Chauncey*, b. May 28, 1836; md. March 17, 1866, Abbie A. Blaney, dau. of Benjamin Blaney. She d. Aug. 18, 1876; md. (2d) April 14, 1880, Jane (Pierce) Lane, widow of Milton Lane, *q. v.* Resides at Lane Village.

73 iii. *George W.*, b. June 3, 1838; md. Feb. 15, 1864, Ellen E. Reed. He is a veteran 21st Regiment.

74 iv. *Reuben H.*, b. Sept. 19, 1845; md. Fanny Goodale. He was killed in braking cars, Dec. 9, 1877.

75 v. *William A.*, b. July 8, 1856; md. Jan. 31, 1877, Mary E. Bixby, dau. of Aaron B. Bixby.

76 CAPT. JEREMIAH LAWRENCE, son of Peter Lawrence, was b. in Ashby Jan. 29, 1772. He md. Rachel Wright, b. June 26, 1773, dau. of Henry and Sarah (Spalding) Wright of Westford and Ashby. About 1821 he removed to this town. He d. Feb. 20, 1854; his wife d. March 22, 1851. Children b. in Ashby.

77 i. *Persis*, b. Oct. 30, 1792.

78 ii. *Jeremiah*, b. Feb. 4, 1796. +

79 iii. *Tila O.*, b. Sept. 30, 1799.

80 iv. *Jonas*, b. Aug. 8, 1806. +

81 v. *Susan Stearns*, b. Jan. 23, 1812; md. Asabel Wheeler, *q. v.*

(78) JEREMIAH LAWRENCE, JR., md. Feb. 20, 1821, Mary Tuttle of Ashby, b. Dec. 21, 1792; removed to this town

about the date of his marriage. He d. July 3, 1872; she d. Dec. 7, 1883.

82 I. *William T.*, b. Sept. 22, 1825; md. Nov. 1, 1846, Nancy W. Blanchard of New Ipswich. He resides in Peterborough, N. H.

83 1. *Mary A.*, b. May 4, 1852; d. Sept. 2, 1852.

84 2. *Marah A.*, b. Oct. 9, 1853; d. Nov. 15, 1853.

85 3. *Lillie A.*, b. Feb. 26, 1855.

86 4. *Emma F.*, b. March 3, 1857.

87 II. *Charles H.*, b. Sept. 2, 1827; removed to Boston, where he md. 1848, Sarah E. Riblet of Charlestown. He d. March 23, 1878; his widow d. April 10, 1879.

88 III. *Marah S.*, b. Jan. 19, 1829; d. April 20, 1850.

(80) JONAS LAWRENCE, a brother of Jeremiah, Jr., md. June 6, 1833, Sarah White, dau. of Dea. Elisha White, q. v.; she d. June 22, 1845; he md. (2d) 1852, Eliza (Russell) Houghton, dau. of David Russell, q. v. She d. April, 1885.

89 I. *Charles A.*, b. —.

90 II. *Ivers W.*, b. —; md. 1867, Sarah A. Luce.

1 JOHN LEATHERS was b. in Charlestown Nov. 16, 1799. In his youth he went to Albany, N. Y., and came to this town in 1823. He md. Sept. 26, 1826, Alma G. Marble, dau. of Oliver Marble, q. v. He was a farmer near Rice pond. The house was burned several years ago. He removed to Fitchburg late in life, and d. there Sept. 14, 1876; his widow d. at Bath, Me., June 19, 1884.

2 I. *Alma Eliza*, b. July 21, 1827; md. Albion C. Mallot; reside in Bath, Me.

3 II. *John Cobleigh*, b. May 9, 1829; resides in Ohio; is md.

4 III. *Emma S.*, b. Nov. 30, 1830; md. George Moors; she d. at Wilton Junction, Iowa, July 23, 1886.

5 IV. *Mary Elizabeth*, b. July 13, 1832; unmd.; resides in Fitchburg.

6 V. *Dorothy Marble*, b. March 11, 1834; md. Sept. 5, 1853, Joshua S. Wheeler, son of Lewis and Mary (Stowell) Wheeler, b. in Fitchburg Oct. 16, 1829. He is a manufacturer and dealer in machinists' tools in Worcester where he resides.

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| 7 | vi. <i>Lewis Edwin</i> , b. Feb. 8, 1836; d. unmd. in Sandusky, Ohio, Nov. 22, 1855. |
| 8 | vii. <i>Joel Francis</i> , b. Oct. 9, 1837; md. Sarah Smith; resides in Winn, Me. |
| 9 | viii. <i>George Elliot</i> , b. July 13, 1840; resides in Worcester; md. Marelia Ames. |
| 10 | ix. <i>Ivers Warren</i> , b. Nov. 20, 1841; d. May 11, 1844. |
| 11 | x. <i>Hosea Marshall</i> , b. Dec. 16, 1843; d. May 11, 1844. |
| | These two children died about the same hour. |
| 12 | xi. <i>Charles F.</i> , b. Aug. 10, 1846; d. at Fitchburg April 25, 1877; left a family. |
| 13 | xii. <i>William C.</i> , b. Aug. 11, 1847; md. Laura Marshall; resides in Fitchburg. |

LITCH.

Among the children of one of the Scotch-Irish emigrants who settled in Londonderry, N. H., was Thomas Litch who was b. about 1720. If the tradition is sustained that he was four years of age when his parents came to America it is probable that he was b. quite as early as the year named. The name in the early records is written Leatch. He md. Jane Kennedy, and d. in Winchendon 1802. He left two sons, John and Samuel. John Litch md. Martha Stuart and settled in Lunenburg, and d. 1815. Among his four sons was Thomas Litch, b. 1777; md. Hannah Kimball and resided in Fitchburg, where he d. Oct. 23, 1820.

Samuel Litch, the other son of Thomas and Jane (Kennedy) Litch, resided in Lunenburg until 1781, when he removed to Winchendon. At once he became a prominent citizen. August 11, 1786, he was a delegate to the Leicester convention, but subsequently he became involved in the Shays' revolt. It has been asserted that he left the State, but it is claimed with greater confidence that he d., 1787, from injuries received from a falling limb while felling trees. Samuel Litch, Jr., b. July 9, 1779, was the famous school-teacher of Winchendon and Jaffrey, N. H.

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| 1 | JOEL H. LITCH, b. in Fitchburg April 14, 1807, son of Thomas and Hannah (Kimball) Litch, md. Nov. 17, 1831, Lucy Maynard, dau. of Stephen Maynard, <i>q. v.</i> He resided in Worcester, where he was engaged in the manufacture and sale of doors, sashes and blinds until 1850 when he purchased the Maynard farm and removed to this town. As a farmer he maintains a foremost rank, and as a citizen he is held in high esteem. He has been repeatedly elected to positions in town affairs, and in 1852 he represented the town in the Legislature. |
| 2 | i. <i>Ellen E.</i> , b. Sept. 28, 1832; d. unmd. Aug. 22, 1883. |
| 3 | ii. <i>Charles T.</i> , b. Dec. 12, 1834; md. A. Theresa Rockwood, dau. of George Rockwood, <i>q. v.</i> He is a farmer on the homestead with his father. They are engaged extensively in the sale of milk. |

- 4 III. *John Francis*, b. July 6, 1837; md. June 2, 1867,
 Emily E. Merriam, dau. of Benjamin Merriam,
 q. v. He is foreman and lumber agent with
 Boston Chair Manufacturing Company.
- 5 1. Carrie E., b. April 26, 1868.
 6 2. Herbert F., b. Oct. 3, 1870.
 7 3. Ernest W., b. April 9, 1872.
 8 4. Clesson, b. May 9, 1874.
- 9 IV. *Martha S.*, b. Feb. 20, 1840; d. April 23, 1860.
 10 V. *George H.*, b. June 6, 1843; md. Lucy A. Pierce
 of Templeton. He resides in Templeton. His
 wife d. —, leaving two children.
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1 JOHN LOCKE was a German emigrant who came to this
 town in 1758. It appears that he had no interest in the
 purchase of the Lexington grant. He settled near the
 site of the Cushing Academy. Invariably he wrote the
 name Overlock, in the early records it is Oberlock, and in
 this form the name is written when reference was had to
 the father, but his children were known by the name of
 Locke, and his descendants in the male line are probably
 bearing the name of Locke and perplexing the genealogist
 at the present time. John Oberlock was an original
 member of the church, and as a citizen he bore a full share
 of public burdens and responsibility. The name of his
 wife was Mary. The children of whom any knowledge
 has been secured, except Jacob, were born before the
 family arrived in this town. He d. Jan. 2, 1783. His
 widow probably d. in Winchendon; where Capt. Daniel
 Putnam, who had the farm and was responsible for her
 support, resided a few years.

- 2 I. *John Locke*, md. 1774, Molly Bigelow. The inten-
 tion of marriage is recorded Jan. 9, 1774. She
 d. May 6, 1775; he md. (2d) Feb. 27, 1777,
 Phebe Howe. He d. March 7, 1778.
- 3 II. *Philip*, owned a saw-mill on the stream in the South
 Village, which he sold in 1778 to Daniel Gibbs.
 He md. Dec. 17, 1777, Olive Gates. An infant
 of Philip Locke d. May 15, 1779. He probably
 removed from town.
- 4 III. *Elizabeth*, md. March 18, 1777, Capt. Daniel Put-
 nam, *q. v.*
- 5 IV. *Jacob*, was a soldier in the Revolution; he d. in the
 service. Mr. Cushing records his death in
 November, 1777, "aged about 18 years."

- 6 WILLIAM LOCKE, son of William and Eleanor (Haynes) Locke of New Ipswich, was b. July 29, 1798. The lineage of this family is found in the "Book of the Lockes." He md. March 29, 1829, Jane W. Wilder. They removed to this town soon after their marriage. He d., from injuries received from a fall from a pear tree, Sept. 7, 1837. His widow md. Nov. 17, 1846, Harrison Wyman of Westminster.

- 7 JOSIAH LOCKE, a brother of William (6), was b. Oct. 18, 1804; he md. Oct. 18, 1827, Elizabeth W. Willard, dau. of John Willard, *q. v.* They resided in this town until 1840; subsequently in Wakefield.
- 8 I. *Charles E.*, b. July 14, 1828; md. May 3, 1849, Lucy M. Wood, dau. of Nathan Wood, *q. v.*; resided in Fitchburg, where he d. May 23, 1874.
- 9 II. *John W.*, b. April 10, 1832; resides in Wakefield; was postmaster there twelve years. He md. Charlotte A. Tufts, who d. 1867; md. (2d) Susan G. Berry who d. March 2, 1881; md. (3d) C. Della Kilgore.
- 10 III. *Mary Elizabeth*, b. Oct. 4, 1833; md. Charles Bennett.

- 11 WILLIAM LOCKE, son of William and Rebecca (Barrett) Locke of Fitzwilliam, N. H., b. Feb. 7, 1778, md. Feb. 7, 1804, Polly Walker, and resided in this town about three years ending 1837, when they removed to Fitzwilliam, N. H.

- 12 WILLIAM D. LOCKE, son of William (11), b. Oct. 5, 1807, md. Dec. 11, 1833, Miranda Adams, dau. of Dea. Isaac Adams of New Ipswich; was here the same time as his father.

LOWE.

Over the twelve ships bearing emigrants to America in 1630, Capt. John Lowe, of the ship *Ambrose*, was Admiral. The fleet sailed in April, and having safely arrived at Salem, a day of public thanksgiving was observed in all the adjacent plantations July 8, 1630. Dea. Thomas Lowe, son of Capt. John, was b. in Ipswich 1632. He md. Martha Boreman, dau. of Thomas Boreman, and was a leading spirit in the settlement. He d. April 12, 1712, aged 80, leaving seven children; of these the second son was Jonathan Lowe, who md. — Thompson. Of their children, Jonathan, Jr., was b. Sept. 14, 1708; md. Nov. 18, 1731, Sarah Perkins. About 1760 they removed to Lunenburg. The fourteenth of their sixteen children was Dr. Abraham Lowe of Ashburnham. He was b. in Chebacco parish, Ipswich, Feb. 11, 1755.

1 DR. ABRAHAM LOWE removed to Ashburnham in 1785 or 1786. He boarded until his marriage with Capt. Timothy Willard at the David Russell place. He lived a few years at corner of Main and Cushing streets, and about 1792 he purchased the estate still known as the Dr. Lowe place, and there resided until his death. *Vide* pages 178 and 466. He md. Oct. 30, 1788, Charlotte Hale, b. Dec. 30, 1766, eldest dau. of Col. Nathan and Abigail (Grout) Hale of Rindge. He d. Oct. 23, 1834; his widow d. May 5, 1841.

Col. Nathan Hale, the father of Mrs. Lowe, was b. in Rowley or in Hampstead, N. H., Sept. 23, 1743. He was a merchant and farmer in Rindge, and an extensive land owner in that town. He was a major in Col. Reed's regiment in 1775, and lieut.-colonel of the 2nd New Hampshire Battalion 1777. He d. a prisoner within the British lines Sept. 23, 1780. He was a descendant of the fifth generation of Thomas Hale, b. in Hertfordshire, England, May 15, 1606, and settled in Newbury previous to 1635. The generations are Thomas, Thomas, Capt. Thomas, all of Newbury, Moses of Newbury, Hampstead, N. H., and Rindge, and Col. Nathan of Rindge. Of Dr. Abraham and Charlotte (Hale) Lowe there were eight children.

- 2 I. *Nathan Hale*, b. July 21, 1789; d. Dec. 13, 1789.
- 3 II. *Abigail*, b. Jan. 24, 1791; md. Dr. William H. Cutler, *q. v.*
- 4 III. *Charlotte*, b. May 29, 1793; md. June 4, 1840, David Goodwin, Esq., of Chelsea, Vt. After his decease she resided in this town, where she d. March 12, 1877.
- 5 IV. *Abraham Thompson*, b. Aug. 15, 1796. +
- 6 V. *Thomas Hale*, b. Nov. 27, 1799; d. Jan. 13, 1800.
- 7 VI. *Mary Hale*, b. May 9, 1801; md. Samuel Woods, *q. v.*
- 8 VII. *George Henry*, b. May 12, 1803. +
- 9 VIII. *Benoni*, b. Sept. 19, 1807; d. Feb. 22, 1808.

- (5) DR. ABRAHAM T. LOWE is the oldest native of this town known to be living. For a brief outline of a prolonged and useful career the reader is referred to page 466. He md. Oct. 20, 1822, Emma B. Gould of Ashby, who d. Aug. 9, 1833; he md. (2d) Nov. 6, 1836, Susan Burr of Ashby, who d. May 16, 1843; he md. (3d) April 5, 1844, Eliza B. Burr, who d. Nov. 5, 1860; he md. (4th) April 30, 1862, Cordelia Burditt. Two children of first wife died in infancy.

- 10 i. *Elizabeth*, b. Nov. 5, 1825 ; d. March 15, 1842.
- 11 ii. *Lewis G.*, b. Aug. 18, 1828. He is a physician
in Boston.
- 12 iii. *Abraham Thompson*, b. Feb. 20, 1856 ; a gradu-
ate of Dartmouth Medical School 1880.

- (8) **GEORGE H. LOWE**, occupying the Jewett store, was a merchant in this town several years, and associated with others, he was engaged a short time in the manufacture of chairs. He was a man of exemplary character, commanding at all time the respect and confidence of the community. He md. Feb. 18, 1830, Catherine M. Brigham, b. in Westboro' Jan. 21, 1801, dau. of Hon. Elijah and Sarah (Ward) Brigham and a granddau. of Gen. Artemas Ward. In 1842 he removed to North Brookfield. He d. at Dewitt, Iowa, Dec. 21, 1866.

- 13 i. *Emma Catherine*, bap. Aug. 30, 1835.
- 14 ii. *George Abraham*, bap. Dec. 29, 1836.
- 15 iii. *Sarah Brigham*. bap. June, 1840.

- 1 **FRANCIS M. LUND**, b. in Hollis, N. H., March 8, 1845, son of Warner and Mary F. (Lovejoy) Lund, md. Feb. 10, 1867, Elizabeth J. Wheeler of Hollis, N. H. He resides on Chapel street in Central Village.

- 2 i. *Frank W.*, b. April 17, 1869.
- 3 ii. *Bertha M.*, b. July 22, 1873.
- 4 iii. *Daisie B.*, b. Dec. 1, 1877.

- 1 **SOLOMON MANNING** was b. in Billerica May 15, 1753. He was a son of Lieut. William and Elizabeth (Danforth) Manning, grandson of Ensign William and Elizabeth (French) Manning and great-grandson of Samuel and Elizabeth (Stearns) Manning, all of Billerica. Solomon Manning md. May 20, 1777, Alice Wilson, b. Oct. 17, 1749, dau. of John and Alice (Totman) Wilson ; she d. April 26, 1787 ; he md. (2d) Jan. 6, 1789, Olive French of Hollis, N. H. With two children they removed to this town in 1792 and resided near the present residence of Cyrus A. Jests. He d. Sept. 2, 1833 ; she d. June 27, 1841.

- 2 i. *Solomon*, b. Dec. 26, 1789. +
- 3 ii. *Olive*, b. March 16, 1792 ; d. Nov. 6, 1799.
- 4 iii. *Andrew Bailey*, b. March 13, 1794 ; removed from town about 1830 ; unmd. at that time ; d. May 6, 1851.

- 5 iv. *Alice Wilson*, b. Nov. 5, 1795; cared for her aged
 parents, and was often a cheerful nurse in
 the neighborhood; she lives unmd. in Fitch-
 burg.
- 6 v. *Samuel*, b. June 26, 1797.
- 7 vi. *Elizabeth*, b. May 5, 1799; md. Peter Carter of
 Fitchburg. Several children. She d. March
 30, 1865.
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- (2) SOLOMON MANNING, JR., md. Lucy Webber of Chelms-
 ford, and resided in Ashburnham and in Ashby. He d.
 Dec. 13, 1825.
- 8 i. *Lucy Maria*, b. 1814, *non comp.*; d. Dec. 20, 1872.
- 9 ii. *Ivers B.*, b. April 6, 1816; md. April 6, 1843,
 Phebe J. Eaton, b. Oct. 1, 1822, dau. of Samuel
 Eaton of Reading and Lynn. He was a chair
 maker; d. Aug. 15, 1884; his widow resides in
 Gardner.
- 10 1. Helen Elizabeth, b. Feb. 2, 1844; md.
 Merrick W. Wallace, son of Dr. Merrick
 Wallace, *q. v.*
- 11 2. Josie Augusta, b. May 15, 1847; d. Sept.
 28, 1848.
- 12 3. Frank Abbott, b. Sept. 9, 1850; d. Feb.
 22, 1876.
- 13 4. Caroline Alice, b. Nov. 2, 1862; d. Dec.
 9, 1881.
- 14 iii. *Elzina E.*, b. —; md. Alvan F. Ward, son of
 Jacob Ward, *q. v.*
- 15 iv. *Laurette*, b. —.
- 16 v. *Elson*, b. —; md. Rebecca Tufts; d. in Fitch-
 burg about 1878.

MARBLE.

The name of Marble has been continued in this town about one hundred years. The first of the name in this town were Jabez and Oliver Marble, who came from Stow 1749, and from them are descended the numerous families of Marble in this town. It is a tradition of the family that the father of Jabez and Oliver Marble was impressed into the English army, and while his regiment was employed in the conquest of Canada, without a full discharge, he left a service which had been instituted without his consent, and soon after settled in Stow. The sequel of the tradition is confirmed by the records of Stow. Asa Marble is found a resident of Stow, and there Jabez and Oliver Marble, twin sons of Asa and Hannah (Wheeler) Marble, were b. Sept. 15, 1755. While residents of Stow, they were in the Revolutionary service. *Vide* Chap. VI. A cannon-ball brought home by Jabez Marble is now in the possession of his great-grandson, Warren E. Marble.

- 1 JABEZ MARBLE, b. in Stow Sept. 15, 1755, md. Nov. 29, 1780, Mary Salter, dau. of Samuel Salter, *q. v.*, and settled in Stow where he lived until 1789, when he removed to this town. He lived on the farm formerly occupied by Samuel Salter, and now by Warren Marble. He d. Dec. 23, 1843; she d. Dec. 22, 1845.
 - 2 I. *Hannah*, b. —; d. Sept. 21, 1792.
 - 3 II. *Eunice*, b. April 28, 1783; md. George Wilker, Jr., *q. v.*
 - 4 III. *Jabez*, b. April 29, 1785. +
 - 5 IV. *Stephen*, b. Nov. 8, 1787. +
 - 6 V. *Phebe*, b. Feb. 1, 1790; md. John Carter of Fitchburg.
 - 7 VI. *Lydia*, b. Feb. 8, 1792; md. John Russell of Townsend.
 - 8 VII. *Lois* (twin). b. Feb. 8, 1792; md. April 21, 1812, Joseph Smith of Leominster.
 - 9 VIII. *Joel*, b. Feb. 1, 1794. +
 - 10 IX. *Grata*, b. May 4, 1797; md. April 7, 1822, Joseph Wheeler; resided in Acton.
 - 11 X. *Asenath*, b. Oct. 25, 1801; md. 1821, David Flint, b. March 27, 1793, son of Edmund and Abigail (Damon) Flint of Ashby. He d. Sept. 5, 1870; she d. Aug. 22, 1867.
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- (4) JABEZ MARBLE, JR., md. 1815, Anna Dutton, b. Nov. 9, 1788, dau. of Samuel and Rhoda Dutton of Ashby. He was a farmer. He d. in this town July 8, 1826.
- 12 I. *Son*, b. —; d. young.
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- (5) STEPHEN MARBLE md. Nov. 12, 1816, Polly Flint, b. Oct. 27, 1790, dau. of Edmund and Abigail (Damon) Flint of Ashby. He was a farmer on Russell hill; removed to Ashby 1850, where he d. Aug. 19, 1855; she d. March 2, 1855.
- 13 I. *Albert Proctor*, b. Aug. 9, 1817; d. unmd.
 - 14 II. *Elmira*, b. June 26, 1820; md. Joseph Cushing, *q. v.*
 - 15 III. *Edmund Newton*, b. Dec. 4, 1822; md. April 23, 1848, Dolly Billings, dau. of Joshua Billings, Jr., *q. v.* He d. Aug. 19, 1885; she resides in Fitchburg.
 - 16 IV. *Stephen Jackson*, b. Nov. 3, 1828; md. 1850, Lydia A. Maynard, dau. of Horace Maynard, *q. v.* She d. —. He resides in Fitchburg.

- (9) JOEL MARBLE md. Nov. 19, 1818, Susan Sawin, dau. of Asa Sawin, *q. v.*; she d. June 22, 1823; he md. (2d) 1823, Mary Winship of Westminster. He was a farmer and at different times occupied the farms now of Warren Marble and of Hosea Green. He d. March 10, 1869; his wife d. Oct. 12, 1859.

- 17 I. *Luke*, b. April 30, 1820. +
 18 II. *Newell*, b. Jan. 29, 1822. +
 19 III. *Infant*, b. and d. June. 1823.
 20 IV. *Susan*, b. Sept. 19, 1824; d. Dec. 20, 1838.
 21 V. *Warren*, b. Aug. 1, 1826. +
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- (17) LUKE MARBLE md. April 24, 1845, Abigail Moore, dau. of Pitt Moore, *q. v.*, and now resides in Central Village. Until recently he lived in the northeast part of the town, where he was successfully engaged in farming and in the manufacture of lumber. He has been assessor and elected to other office in town affairs.

- 22 I. *Jonas P.*, b. April 3, 1846; d. Sept. 14, 1848.
 23 II. *Joel P.*, b. June 11, 1848. He is a merchant in the firm of Marble and Gilson. He md. June 11, 1871, Caroline Holmes.
 24 III. *Alden B.*, b. Aug. 11, 1851; md. Feb. 1, 1873, Flora A. Jaquith. He is a successful farmer on the old Kibling farm, frequently called the Caldwell farm.
 25 IV. *Warren E.*, b. Oct. 7, 1855; md. June 15, 1882, Nellie M. Fuller. He is a farmer and proprietor of the Marble Mills.
 26 V. *Mary E.*, b. April 24, 1857; md. Feb. 5, 1881, Frank W. Davis of Ashby. He resides in Ashburnham.
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- (18) NEWELL MARBLE md. April 29, 1845, Emma J. Wilker, dau. of Jacob Wilker, *q. v.* He was a farmer and a morocco finisher and lived near the school-house in the third district. He d. Aug. 12, 1885.

- 27 I. *George Francis*, b. July 16, 1846; md. Oct. 1, 1871, Hannah B. Boston of Barrington, N. H.; resides at Great Falls, N. H.
 28 II. *Franklin Augustus*, b. March 17, 1848; d. June 28, 1848.
 29 III. *Ella Augusta*, b. Feb. 10, 1850; d. Aug. 28, 1852.
 30 IV. *Celia Viola*, b. Aug. 25, 1853; md. Feb. 7, 1877, Elwyn D. Gibson, son of Jerome S. Gibson, *q. v.*

- 31 v. *Charles Sumner*, b. Nov. 1, 1855; md. Jan. 27, 1877, Lillian A. Gibson, dau. of Jerome S. Gibson, *q. v.*
- 32 vi. *Lyra Madora*, b. Aug. 4, 1858; d. March 11, 1865.
- 33 vii. *Rosetta Emogene*, b. March 3, 1862.
- 34 viii. *Fernando Ulysses*, b. Nov. 7, 1865; d. June 4, 1876.
- 35 ix. *Lilla Malora*, b. Oct. 18, 1867.
- 36 x. *Melvin Newell*, b. Sept. 7, 1869; d. May 29, 1876.

(21) WARREN MARBLE is a farmer on the homestead. He md. May 22, 1851, Mary L. Wilker, dau. of Jacob Wilker, *q. v.*

- 37 i. *Emma A.*, b. March 16, 1852; md. Sept. 4, 1870, Herbert W. Whitney, son of Otis Whitney, *q. v.*
- 38 ii. *Frank L.*, b. Aug. 1, 1854; md. April 30, 1876, Sarah A. Nichols, dau. of John Nichols, *q. v.*
- 39 iii. *Walter H.*, b. Sept. 13, 1858; a physician. *Vide* page 509.
- 40 iv. *Susie E.*, b. Dec. 1, 1861.
- 41 v. *Lizzie L.*, b. Jan. 7, 1865.
- 42 vi. *Berton H.*, b. July 11, 1867; d. Aug. 8, 1870.
- 43 vii. *Harlan B.*, b. Dec. 10, 1871; d. July 22, 1877.

44 OLIVER MARBLE, twin brother of Jabez Marble, md. Deborah Bailey, and with five children removed to this town in 1789. He settled on the Emory Fairbanks farm now of Charles Kelton. He d. while visiting a son in Lyndeboro', N. H., July 29, 1827. His widow d. in this town Aug. 28, 1833, aged 70.

- 45 i. *Oliver*, b. Aug. 8, 1781. +
- 46 ii. *Rhoda*, b. Oct. 10, 1783; md. Nathan Taylor, *q. v.*
- 47 iii. *Deborah*, b. Aug. 6, 1785; md. Dec. 12, 1805, Asa Eaton, b. Nov. 29, 1785, son of Benjamin and Lydia Eaton of Ashby. They removed to Springfield, Vt.
- 48 iv. *Bailey*, b. Aug. 3, 178-; removed to western New York; md. Penelope Hall.
- 49 v. *Lois*, b. Sept. 20, 1791; md. John Hall, *q. v.*
- 50 vi. *Tamar*, b. July 2, 1789; d. Oct. 27, 1794.
- 51 vii. *Samuel*, b. July 8, 1793. +
- 52 viii. *Hannah*, b. Nov. 10, 1795; md. Joel Barrett, *q. v.*; md. (2d) Joseph Miller, *q. v.*
- 53 ix. *Abner*, b. Oct. 29, 1798; resided in Lyndeboro', N. H.

- 54 x. *Tamar*, b. June 23, 1803; md. Sept. 27, 1832, Benjamin C. Pillsbury; they reside in Ashby. Three or more children.

- (45) OLIVER MARBLE md. April 7, 1805, Dolly Green, dau. of Oliver Green, *q. v.* He resided in this town many years and subsequently in New Ipswich, where he d. in 1851; his widow d. Nov. 12, 1859.

- 55 i. *Alma G.*, b. March 29, 1806; md. John Leathers, *q. v.*

- 56 ii. *Betsy*, b. —; d. March 16, 1808.

- 57 iii. *Lewis*, b. May 7, 1809; md. Dec. 11, 1842, Louisa Adams; he was a millwright; d. in this town Oct. 25, 1844.

- 58 1. *Lewis*, b. 1844.

- 59 iv. *Heman L.*, b. April 7, 1811; a carriage maker in Springfield, Vt.; md. Eliza Smalley.

- 60 v. *Asahel*, b. Feb. 1, 1814; md. Sept. 8, 1842, Betsey Walton, b. Aug. 10, 1814, dau. of Nathan Walton of Rindge; he was a mechanic; resided in New Ipswich, Rindge, and after 1850 in Ashburnham, where he d. Jan. 15, 1871.

- 61 1. Henry A., b. Aug. 29, 1843; enlisted in 53d Regiment; d. at New Orleans May 19, 1863.

- 62 2. Nathan E., b. Jan. 6, 1848; d. unmd. March 13, 1879.

- 63 3. William A., b. Sept. 18 1850; unmd.; resides in Ashburnham.

- 64 vi. *Dorothy H.*, b. Nov. 11, 1816; md. Elliot Moore, *q. v.*

- 65 vii. *Chester*, b. March 19, 1820; md. Sarah Smalley; resided at Chicago, Ill.

- 66 viii. *Lavinia*, b. April 4, 1823; unmd.; resides at Townsend.

- (51) SAMUEL MARBLE resided in Lyndeboro' and in Milford, N. H., and later in Jaffrey, N. H., where he d. April 10, 1883. He md. May 21, 1816, Lucy Metcalf, dau. of Ezekiel S. Metcalf, *q. v.*; md. (2d) Grata Carter, b. Dec. 26, 1804, dau. of Capt. Jonah Carter; md. (3d) Olive Greenwood. There were six children of Samuel and Lucy (Metcalf) Marble.

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| 67 | i. <i>Bailey</i> , b. — ; md. Nov. 10, 1839, Nancy Ellis, dau. of Jesse Ellis, <i>q. v.</i> They resided in this town and subsequently in Lowell, where she d. Jan. 31, 1854; he d. 1881. |
| 68 | 1. Abbie Jane, b. Sept. 10, 1842. |
| 69 | 2. Mary E., b. Sept. 13, 1846; d. Oct. 14, 1847. |
| 70 | 3. Waldo B., b. April 3, 1851. |
| 71 | ii. <i>Howard</i> , b. July 23, 1820; md. April 6, 1847, Mary A. Crehore, dau. of Col. Timothy Crehore, <i>q. v.</i> They reside in Fitchburg. |
| 72 | iii. <i>Louisa</i> , b. — . |
| 73 | iv. <i>Dustan</i> , b. — ; resides at Akron, Ohio. |
| 74 | v. <i>Calvin</i> , b. — ; resides at Cleveland, Ohio. |
| 75 | vi. <i>Tila</i> , b. — ; d. unmd. at Jaffrey, N. H., May 21, 1883. |

MARTIN.

JOHN MARTIN, JR., and wife Elizabeth, removed from Ipswich to Lunenburg 1739. He d. about 1753, leaving a widow and ten children. Of these, four at least became associated with the people of Ashburnham: I. John, b. Oct. 12, 1740 (No. 1); II. Elizabeth, b. June 12, 1744, md. Job Colman, *q. v.*; III. Susannah, b. April 1, 1751, md. Benjamin Colman, *q. v.*; IV. Prudence, b. May 6, 1753, md. Amos Brooks, *q. v.*

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| 1 | JOHN MARTIN, son of John and Elizabeth Martin, b. Oct. 12, 1740, md. March 3, 1761, Betty Chaplin of Lunenburg. They united with the church in 1764, and withdrew to join the Baptists in 1778. He was identified with the settlement, but it is probable he lived over the line in Fitchburg. Five children were baptized after the ordination of Mr. Cushing. There is no record of baptisms during the ministry of Mr. Winchester. |
| 2 | i. <i>Barzillai</i> , bap. June 4, 1769. |
| 3 | ii. <i>Betty</i> , bap. Oct. 28, 1770. |
| 4 | iii. <i>Molly</i> , bap. Sept. 22, 1772. |
| 5 | iv. <i>Prudence</i> , bap. Sept. 11, 1774. |
| 6 | v. <i>Sarah</i> , bap. April 13, 1777. |

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| 1 | LEWIS G. MATTHEWS was b. in Gardner May 13, 1817. He is a son of Joel and Sarah (Coolidge) Matthews and a grandson of John and Patience (Graves) Matthews. He was a merchant several years at the South Village, where he still resides, unmd. |
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| 2 | HEZEKIAH MATTHEWS, a brother of Lewis G., was b. in Gardner Oct. 24, 1818; md. June 9, 1851, Sally Gates, |
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dau. of William Gates, *q. v.* For a number of years he was a manufacturer of chairs. He resides at South Village. Two children.

- 3 1. *Edward L.*, b. March 9, 1855; d. young.
- 4 II. *Josephine Isabel*, b. Nov. 4, 1860.

1 SUMNER MAY was b. in Sterling July 18, 1799. He was a son of Levi and Deborah (Wilder) May, grandson of Thomas and great-grandson of John May. He resided in Westminster until the autumn of 1827, when he removed to South Village. In 1856, in connection with his son Charles, he built the mill occupied by Bernard Duane & Co. He md. in Westminster, Nov. 15, 1821, Mira Eaton, b. Nov. 20, 1800, dau. of Nathan Eaton; she d. May 4, 1861; md. (2d) Feb. 13, 1862, Mrs. Phil-
etta J. Johnson of Templeton. He d. Feb. 9, 1879.

- 2 1. *Augustine*, b. Oct. 14, 1822; md. 1846, Lorena Cram of Gardner.
- 3 II. *Augustus* (twin), b. Oct. 14, 1822; md. Elizabeth Reed of Groton; he resides at South Village.
- 4 III. *Levi Wilder*, b. Feb. 2, 1825; resides in Newfield, N. J.; he md. 1846, Mary Bosworth of Winchendon.
- 5 IV. *Charles Sumner*, b. April 10, 1827; unmd.; resides at South Village.
- 6 V. *Harriet Elvira*, b. Feb. 2, 1829; md. J. B. Barrell, *q. v.*
- 7 VI. *George Washington*, b. Oct. 14, 1831; md. Jane Hoyt; resides in Templeton.
- 8 VII. *Sarah E.*, b. Feb. 13, 1834; d. unmd. July 4, 1858.
- 9 VIII. *Orange Scott*, b. Nov. 22, 1836; unmd.; resides at South Village. He is a postmaster at Ashburnham Depot.
- 10 IX. *Achsah Irene*, b. July 5, 1839; md. April 14, 1861, Stephen C. Whitney of Westminster. He d. Feb. 20, 1863. *Vide p. 455.* She resides in Templeton.

MAYNARD.

JOHN MAYNARD, the emigrant ancestor of the Maynard family of New England, was a resident of Sudbury. His homestead was in the east part of the town and is now included within the town of Wayland. He was md. in England, and came to America in 1638. He shared in the division of Sudbury meadows 1639, and was one of the petitioners for the town of Marlboro', where he settled his son, John. He was a selectman and held other office in Sudbury. No record of his first marriage or the death of his wife appears;

he md. (2d) 1646, Mary Axtell, by whom he had three daughters. He d. Dec. 1, 1672; his widow was residing in Charlestown during the Indian troubles in 1675-6. John Maynard, son of John, was b. in England 1630, being eight years of age when his father came to America. He md. April 5, 1658, Mary Gates, dau. of Stephen Gates of Lancaster and Cambridge, and settled in Marlboro'. He was a selectman and was prominently associated with the affairs of the settlement. He md. (2d) Sarah Blanford Keyes, b. Jan. 27, 1642-3, widow of Elias Keyes and dau. of John and Dorothy (Wright) Blanford of Sudbury. Eight children by first and three by second marriage. He d. Dec. 22, 1711; his widow was living in 1722. David Maynard, son of John and Mary (Gates) Maynard, b. Dec. 21, 1669, md. Hannah Wait, dau. of Joseph and Ruhamah (Hager) Wait. He lived in the westerly part of Marlboro', now Westboro', and, following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, he was much employed in town affairs and was frequently chosen to office. His wife d. March 16, 1724-5; he md. (2d) Feb. 6, 1732-3, Jemima Brigham. He d. Oct. 2, 1757. Of his eleven children, the descendants of Nathan and Jotham have resided in Ashburnham. Nathan Maynard, son of David, was b. in Westboro' Jan. 2, 1722; md. Jan. 1, 1750-1, Lucy Pratt, according to town records, but Lucy Whipple by tradition. He lived in Westboro', where he d. 1811; his wife d. May 18, 1773. Nehemiah Maynard, son of Nathan, b. May 27, 1754, settled in this town and is No. 1 in the following register.

Jotham Maynard, son of David and Hannah (Wait) Maynard, b. May 29, 1714, md. 1740, Abiah or Abigail Allen and resided in Westboro' and Bolton. The eldest of their ten children was Jotham Maynard, b. March 14, 1741; md. 1763, Dinah Powers. The sixth of their seven children was Dea. Antipas Maynard, b. in Bolton April 27, 1776; md. Aug. 14, 1797, Sally Rice, b. in Marlboro' Nov. 15, 1772, dau. of Eleazer and Elizabeth (Darling) Rice. They resided in Sullivan, N. H., and in Keene, N. H., where he d. March 15, 1833; she d. in Boston, Oct. 22, 1861. Of their children, Antipas Maynard, b. in Sullivan, N. H., Dec. 31, 1801, is No. 23 in the following register. Jotham Maynard, the grandfather of Antipas Maynard of Ashburnham, was a first cousin of Nehemiah Maynard of Ashburnham.

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| 1 | NEHEMIAH MAYNARD, the first of the name in Ashburnham, was b. in Westboro' May 27, 1754. He was a son of Nathan and Lucy (Pratt) Maynard. He md. Dorothy Maynard, b. in Shrewsbury Oct. 3, 1748, dau. of Reuben and Dorothy (Williams) Maynard. He settled in Ashburnham, on the farm now of Joel H. Litch, in 1775 or the spring of 1776. He d. May 29, 1828. |
| 2 | i. <i>Edward</i> , b. June 4, 1776. + |
| 3 | ii. <i>Stephen</i> , b. March 11, 1778. + |
| 4 | iii. <i>Sally</i> , b. April 21, 1780; md. Sept. 27, 1803, Stephen Lawrence, b. May 28, 1780, son of Charles and Naomi Lawrence of Ashby. She d. in Ashby July 24, 1810; he md. (2d) Melitable Coe. There were two children by first marriage. |
| 5 | 1. Amy, b. Sept. 6, 1805. |
| 6 | 2. Charles, b. Jan. 20, 1808; d. Feb. 24, 1808. |
| 7 | iv. <i>Joseph</i> , b. Oct. 24, 1782; md. Dec. 13, 1804, Sarah Miller, b. Jan. 3, 1785, dau. of Isaac |

Miller, *q. v.* They resided in this town a short time after marriage, and in New Hampshire and Vermont; he d. about 1815; his widow md. (2d) Dec. 25, 1817, Amos Stearns of Winchendon, whose first wife was Deborah Hunt, dau. of Dea. Sherebiah Hunt.

- 8 1. Joseph Bennett, b. April 13, 1805; d. July 15, 1835.
- 9 2. Laban, b. April 24, 1807; d. July 5, 1844.
- 10 3. Alonzo, b. March 11, 1809; d. Aug. 2, 1857.
- 11 4. Sally L., b. June 2, 1811.
- 12 5. Sarah A., b. April 16, 1813; md. Prentice Britton of Northfield.
- 13 v. Timothy, b. Oct. 9, 1785; he was taxed a few years in this town. He md. Sally Whiting of Lancaster and removed to Vermont.
- 14 vi. Eliza, b. Dec. 7, 1788; md. Stephen Gibson of Ashby. She d. March 18, 1861. Among their children is Eber Gibson of this town.

(2) EDWARD MATNARD md. March 31, 1801, Persis Gates, dau. of Henry Gates, *q. v.* He was one of the Ashburnham Light Infantry when in service in the War of 1812. He d. Oct. 9, 1825; she d. in Fitchburg 1861.

- 15 i. Levi, b. March 19, 1806; was a blacksmith in this town, where he d. June 9, 1831. He md. March 5, 1829, Harriet French of Templeton.
- 16 ii. Eliza, b. Sept. 23, 1808; md. Alfred M. Wheeler of Fitchburg.
- 17 iii. Sarah Lawrence, b. Dec. 20, 1814; md. Josiah W. Boutelle.

(3) STEPHEN MATNARD md. April 7, 1803, Miriam Ellis, dau. of Jesse Ellis, *q. v.* He was a farmer on the homestead. He d. Aug. 3, 1840; she d. March 14, 1853.

- 18 i. Horace, b. Nov. 4, 1804; md. 1828, Lydia Frothingham of Lancaster. He was a farmer; d. in this town Aug. 19, 1849. There were five children; the birth of twins, Lydia A. and Lucy Jane, b. March 19, 1831, is found in town records. The widow and children removed from town 1850.
- 19 ii. Dorothy, b. Jan. 3, 1806; md. John Brown, *q. v.*; md. (2d) Ohio Whitney, Sen., *q. v.*

20 III. *Lucy*, b. Jan. 23, 1808 ; md. Joel H. Litch, *q. v.*

21 DAVID MAYNARD, son of David, Jr., and a first cousin of Nehemiah Maynard, md. June 11, 1767, Sarah Savage. They were admitted to the church 1772, and in 1804 were dismissed to Chittenden, Vt. In the meantime seven children were baptized. It is probable that they lived over the line in Westminster.

22 LEVI MAYNARD md. 1812, Phebe (Wright) Winter, widow of John Winter, *q. v.* He removed to this town, leaving twelve children by a former marriage, and d. here Dec. 30, 1822. He was a brother of David Maynard. His widow md. (3d) Aug. 13, 1829, Benjamin Hawks ; he d. about 1840 ; and last of all she d. Dec. 27, 1847.

23 ANTIPAS MAYNARD, son of Antipas and Sally (Rice) Maynard, was b. in Sullivan, N. H., Dec. 31, 1801. He md. Dec. 3, 1822, Almira Samson, dau. of Oliver Samson, *q. v.* He resided a few years in Keene, N. H., and in 1833 removed to this town, where they lived to an advanced age. Mr. Maynard was a man of generous sympathies and an ardent temperament. His faith and courage were never clouded. In business affairs he was exact and honest, and in his social relations he was kind and considerate. In every good work his sympathies were spontaneous and his adherence loyal and firm. He was prominent in the Methodist church, and for many years his efforts were unabated and his influence continually renewed. His worthy example lives in the memory of his associates and in the love of his children. He d. Nov. 18, 1882 ; his widow d. July 29, 1886.

24 I. *Nancy A.*, b. Oct. 27, 1823 ; md. Charles Winchester, son of Caleb Winchester, *q. v.*

25 II. *George A.*, b. March 3, 1826 ; md. Sept. 25, 1848, Sarah A. Merry, b. Aug. 5, 1827, dau. of Capt. John and Sarah A. Merry of Edgcomb ; she d. Sept. 2, 1870 ; he md. (2d) Oct. 12, 1872, Mary E. McLean, b. Oct. 12, 1847, dau. of Anthony and Martha McLean of Shelburne. Eight children. He is a commission merchant ; resides in Somerville.

26 III. *Lambert M.*, b. March 26, 1828 ; md. Feb. 17, 1853, Rose W. Knight, b. Oct. 31, 1828, dau. of Asa and Susan M. Knight ; resides in Somerville.

- 27 iv. *Abbie S.*, b. Aug. 11, 1830; md. July 2, 1848, Stillman S. Knapp, b. March 6, 1825, son of Eliab and Rachel Knapp of Mason, N. H.; he resides in Gardner.
- 28 v. *Lizzie C.*, b. May 23, 1833; md. Nov. 22, 1854, Oliver D. Wilder, b. Aug. 25, 1830, son of Josiah P. and Amanda (Carter) Wilder of New Ipswich. He was in the service in the Civil War from this town. In 18— he removed to Lowell.
- 29 vi. *Infant*, b. and d. May 11, 1834.
- 30 vii. *Jane A.*, b. March 27, 1836; md. Nov. 22, 1854, Frank W. Cummings, b. Jan. 31, 1831, son of George Cummings of Plymouth, N. H.; resides in Shirley.
- 31 viii. *Elliot A.*, b. Oct. 14, 1839; md. April 6, 1864, Mary Jane Clark, who d. Jan. 14, 1874; md. (2d) May 4, 1873, Abbie B. Caswell. He is a carpenter in Ashburnham and postmaster at Central Village.
- 32 1. Irving E., b. Oct. 3, 1868.
- 33 2. Mamie Addie, b. May 2, 1871; d. April 20, 1873.
- 34 ix. *Susan H.*, b. March 8, 1841; md. Frank W. Wallace, *q. v.*
- 35 x. *Mary Isabel*, b. July 20, 1843; md. Nathan Eaton, *q. v.*
- 36 xi. *Charles Wesley*, b. Oct. 21, 1845. He was a railroad conductor; d. unmd. at Houston, Texas, Oct. 18, 1873.
- 37 xii. *Emma C.*, b. Nov. 4, 1848; md. Nathan Eaton, *q. v.*

1 DANIEL MCINTIRE was b. in Reading July 2, 1781. He was a son of Daniel and Jane (Hutchinson) McIntire of Reading and later of Fitchburg. He md. April 24, 1808, Sally Billings, dau. of Joshua Billings, *q. v.*, and settled on the north turnpike on the farm now occupied by his sons. He d. Aug. 27, 1860; his widow d. Aug. 18, 1871.

2 i. *Lewis*, b. Sept. 29, 1808; md. May 7, 1846, Syrena Whitney, b. Oct. 16, 1808, dau. of Benjamin and Nancy (Fuller) Whitney of Marlboro', N. H.; she d. July 9, 1851; he resides on the homestead.

- 3 ii. *Daniel*, b. Nov. 24, 1810; unmd.; resides on the
homestead.
- 4 iii. *Allen*, b. June 3, 1818; unmd.; resides on the
homestead.
- 5 iv. *Lavina*, b. April 4, 1823; d. young.
- 6 v. *Jane E.*, b. Feb. 11, 1825; md. Jan. 1, 1846,
Luther L. Howard of Royalston; resides in
Nashua, N. H.

- 7 JACOB MCINTIRE, a brother of Daniel McIntire (1),
removed to Jefferson county, New York, and there md.
Polly Russell. In 1840 he removed to this town. He
was a farmer and a blacksmith and resided on the farm
more recently of his son, Parley McIntire. He d. Aug.
9, 1863; she d. May 8, 1868.
- 8 i. *Adaline*, b.—; md. Feb. 17, 1840, Timothy
Metcalf, b. Jan. 26, 1798, son of Timothy and
Ruth (Chaplin) Metcalf of Rindge; she d. July
28, 1843.
- 9 1. Timothy, b. June 15, 1841.
- 10 2. Adaline, b. July 21, 1843; d. Aug. 16,
1843.
- 11 ii. *Jane*, b.—; md. April 15, 1839, Joseph Davis,
son of Ebenezer Bennett Davis, *q. v.*
- 12 iii. *David Dean*, b. Oct. 13, 1826; md. June 19,
1850, Hannah S. Cowdrey, dau. of Jacob and
Hannah (Blood) Cowdrey; she d. June 19,
1880; he md. (2d) Feb. 5, 1881, Eunice M.
Buxton. He is a farmer in the north part of
the town on the Benjamin farm.
- 13 1. Adaline Maria, b. Oct. 13, 1852; d.
unmd. July 2, 1875.
- 14 2. Edward, b. Feb. 1, 1854; md. Aug. 21,
1875, Mary Emily Marcy, dau. of Wash-
ington Marcy of Holland. He resides
in Rindge. Three children.
- 15 3. Amanda, b. 1856; d. Jan. 2, 1863.
- 16 4. Mary, b. Dec., 1857; d. April 13, 1858.
- 17 5. Arthur, b. Jan. 29, 1859; d. young.
- 18 6. Talbot, b. Jan. 13, 1861; md. 1882,
Isabel Blankinship; resides in Boston.
- 19 7. Waterman, b. Nov. 8, 1863; md. Jan.,
1887, Emeline Nichols.
- 20 8. Frederick L., b. Aug. 5, 1865.

- 21 iv. *Robert White*, b. April 7, 1828; md. June 30,
1853, *Eliza K. Cowdrey*, b. Jan. 26, 1827, dau.
of Jacob and Hannah (Blood) Cowdrey. He is
proprietor of the Corey Mills near the line of
Rindge, and for several years has been one of
the road commissioners.
- 22 1. *Emma Clara*, b. Oct. 7, 1854; d. Oct. 18,
1854.
- 23 2. *Flora Helen*, b. Nov. 2, 1856; d. Nov. 16,
1862.
- 24 3. *Walter Herbert*, b. Jan. 9, 1858; d. Oct.
25, 1862.
- 25 4. *Carrie Belle*, b. May 15, 1861; md. *James*
A. Lane, son of *Allen F. Lane*, q. v.
- 26 5. *Herman R.*, b. Sept. 10, 1862.
- 27 6. *Effie E.*, b. Dec. 28, 1864.
- 28 7. *Hiland*, b. April 18, 1867; d. Sept. 28,
1869.
- 29 8. *Gertie V.*, b. Jan. 16, 1869.
- 30 v. *Parley*, b. Aug. 23, 1833; md. Jan. 1, 1856, *Hattie*
E. Hardy of New Ipswich. In the Civil War he
served in the 25th Regiment.
- 31 1. *Ruby S.*, b. 1860; md. *Charles Wilson*;
reside in Jaffrey, N. H.
- 32 2. *Frank*, b. June 22, 1872.

1 NATHAN MELVIN was a resident of Dorchester Canada,
several years previous to the incorporation of Ashburn-
ham. He lived in the ninth school district and near the
Amos Pierce farm. He was a farmer and an innholder.
He was chosen a deer reeve in 1765, and subsequently
was an assessor and a selectman. In 1775 his name is
found on the roll of Capt. Davis' company. He was here
in 1780 and was then chosen a surveyor of the highways,
but the family removed soon after that date. The name
of his wife was Anna; six or more children were b. in this
town. Mary Melvin, probably a relative and possibly an
elder dau., md. Sept. 11, 1770, John Bigelow.

- 2 i. *Anna*, b. Nov. 8, 1760.
- 3 ii. *Sarah*, b. Sept. 15, 1762.
- 4 iii. *Phebe*, b. March 27, 1765.
- 5 iv. *Hepsibah*, b. March 24, 1767.
- 6 v. *Nathan*, b. March 1, 1769.
- 7 vi. *Theodore*, b. May 1, 1771.

MERRIAM.

During the Revolution, and until the close of the century, a family of Merriam resided in this town, but none of the descendants of this family appear among the later inhabitants of Ashburnham. Isaac Merriam, the head of this family, was of the fifth generation of Merriam in this country. Through valued favors of George O. Merriam of Dorchester this register is rendered more complete. Joseph Merriam, a son of William and Sarah Merriam of Hadlowe, county of Kent, England, with wife Sarah, is found residing in Concord at an early date. He was admitted freeman March 14, 1638, and d. Jan. 1, 1641. Joseph Merriam, probably the eldest of three sons, was b. 1630; he md. July 12, 1653, Sarah Stone, b. 1633, dau. of Dea. Gregory Stone. He was admitted freeman May 22, 1651; he d. April 20, 1677; his widow d. April 8, 1704. Thomas Merriam, son of Joseph and Sarah (Stone) Merriam, b. 1672, md. Dec. 23, 1696, Mary Hayward, and resided in Lexington, where he was a constable and selectman several years. He d. Aug. 16, 1738; his widow d. Sept. 29, 1756. The youngest of several sons was Isaac Merriam, b. July 11, 1714. He md. Sarah Davis, and among his children was Isaac Merriam of Ashburnham.

Benjamin Merriam, number 32, was of the seventh generation in this country, and was a descendant of John, another son of Joseph and Sarah (Stone) Merriam. He was b. May 30, 1662; md. 1688, Mary Wheeler of Concord; resided at Cambridge Farms, now Lexington, and was one of the most prominent men of the parish and of the town. He d. May 21, 1727; his widow d. Dec. 26, 1747. His son, Jonas Merriam, bap. Jan. 12, 1704, md. Oct. 3, 1728, Abigail Locke, b. June 22, 1710, dau. of Dea. William and Abigail (Hayward) Locke of Woburn; she d. Dec. 5, 1755; he md. (2d) June 22, 1758, Sarah Winship. He lived in Lexington and was frequently chosen to office. He d. July 23, 1776; his wife d. March 15, 1773. Abraham Merriam, son of Jonas, b. Dec. 23, 1734, md. April 22, 1756, Sarah Simonds, b. April 25, 1739, dau. of Daniel and Abigail (Smith) Simonds. They lived some years in Lexington and about 1767 removed to Woburn, where their son, Ezra Merriam, was b. June 15, 1760. He md. Susan Elliot and resided in Mason, N. H.

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| 1 | ISAAC MERRIAM, son of Isaac and Sarah (Davis) Merriam, was b. in Concord 1736. He md. April 10, 1759, Eleanor Munroe of Lexington who d. in Concord July 19, 1767; he md. (2d) Dec. 2, 1767, Rebecca Davis of Acton. With four children he removed to Ashburnham in 1772 or early in 1773. He was a selectman and prominent in the affairs of the town. In 1793 he removed to Groton, N. H. |
| 2 | i. <i>David</i> , b. in Concord Jan. 28, 1760. + |
| 3 | ii. <i>Isaac</i> , b. in Concord Jan. 29, 1762. + |
| 4 | iii. <i>Jonathan</i> , b. in Concord July 6, 1764. + |
| 5 | iv. <i>Benjamin</i> , b. in Concord July 9, 1767; d. in Malone, N. Y. |
| 6 | v. <i>Rebecca</i> , b. in Concord Nov. 12, 1771. |
| 7 | vi. <i>Joshua</i> , b. in Ashburnham Nov. 11, 1775; d. in Malone, N. Y. |
| 8 | vii. <i>Jonas</i> , b. in Ashburnham April 25, 1780; lived in Brandon, Vt. |

- (2) CAPT. DAVID MERRIAM came to this town with the family; was a soldier in the Revolution. *Vide* page 192. He md. Nov. 21, 1782, Phebe Foster, dau. of Moses Foster, Jr., *q. v.*, and soon after this marriage he removed to Brandon, Vt. His wife d. April 7, 1794, and he again appears in the records and is styled Capt. David Merriam, and md. Feb. 10, 1795, Betty Conant, dau. of Ebenezer Conant, Jr., *q. v.* He d. in Brandon, Vt., Feb. 15, 1849; his wife d. June 3, 1842.

- 9 I. *Phebe*, b. Dec. 26, 1783.
- 10 II. *David*, b. June 9, 1786.
- 11 III. *George W.*, b. Oct. 4, 1787.
- 12 IV. *Isaac Foster*, b. July 27, 1790.
- 13 V. *Cyrus*, b. July 14, 1793.
- 14 VI. *Betsey*, b. Sept. 13, 1796.
- 15 VII. *Alvin*, b. March 26, 1802.
- 16 VIII. *Angeline E.*, b. July 18, 1808.
- 17 IX. *Daniel D.*

- (3) ISAAC MERRIAM was a soldier in the Revolution. *Vide* page 191. After the war he removed from this town and subsequently lived in Northumberland, N. H. He md. 1786, Betsey Wait, b. April 8, 1765. He d. in Jackson, N. Y., Feb. 1, 1853. Two of his children are living in Northumberland.

- 18 I. *David*, b. May 5, 1790.
- 19 II. *Isaac*, b. Feb. 24, 1792.
- 20 III. *Betsey*, b. March 2, 1794.
- 21 IV. *William*, b. March 21, 1796; d. July 5, 1814.
- 22 V. *Jonas*, b. May 23, 1798.
- 23 VI. *Benjamin*, b. Sept. 15, 1801.
- 24 VII. *Joseph Waite*, b. Aug. 27, 1803.
- 25 VIII. *Sarah*, b. March 31, 1808.

- (4) JONATHAN MERRIAM md. Nov. 6, 1788, Sarah Conant, dau. of Ebenezer, Jr., *q. v.* He resided in this town until near the close of the century and removed with other families to Brandon, Vt., perhaps in 1798. He was a captain of the militia in this town. He d. April 26, 1826.

- 26 I. *Isaac*, b. Oct. 25, 1789.
- 27 II. *Jonathan*, b. Nov. 5, 1791.
- 28 III. *Sarah*, b. Aug. 31, 1794; md. Rev. Samuel Waite, D. D.
- 29 IV. *Abel Wood*, b. —.
- 30 V. *Mylon*, b. —.
- 31 VI. *Lydia*, b. —; md. Jacob Powers of Brandon.

- 32 BENJAMIN MERRIAM, son of Ezra and Susan (Elliot) Merriam, was b. in Mason, N. H., May 13, 1802. He md. Nov. 4, 1832, Irene Knapp, b. Jan. 4, 1812, dau. of Elijah and Rhoda Knapp, of Mason, N. H. The family removed to this town in 1845, where he was engaged some years in the stove and hardware trade. He d. Aug 5, 1872.
- 33 I. Benjamin F., b. Sept. 7, 1833 ; d. Nov. 27, 1865.
- 34 II. Henry A., b. June 16, 1835 : d. March 28, 1865.
- 35 III. George E., b. Sept. 3, 1837 : d. March 25, 1842.
- 36 IV. Emily E., b. July 7, 1842 ; md. Francis J. Litch. q. v.
- 37 V. Susan M., b. July 16, 1844 ; d. Dec. 13, 1861.
- 38 VI. Abbie I., b. Oct. 16, 1846 ; md. June 2, 1867, William H. Richardson of Ashburnham. He is a manufacturer of carriages and a dealer in carriages, sleighs and furnishings.
- 39 VII. Laura E., b. Jan. 7, 1849 ; d. March 2, 1878.
- 40 VIII. Clarabell A., b. Aug. 7, 1853 : d. May 21, 1882.

MERRIAM.

The families of Merriam included in the following register are a branch of the Marion family. The name of Merriam was assumed by William and Joseph of Ashburnham and their descendants, and it appears that Ignatius Marion was the ancestor of the later families of Merriam in this town. This also accounts for the name of Meriam which frequently appears in the signatures and records of the town. John Marion, b. in England 1620, d. in — 1705; Sarah, his wife, b. 1725, d. Feb. 3, 1709. Samuel Marion, son of John and Sarah, b. Dec. 14, 1655, lived in Boston, Charlestown and again in Boston. He md. Hannah —, who d. April 4, 1688. Reference is made to her death in Sewall's Diary: "At night Sam Marion's wife hangs herself in the chamber, fastening a cord to the Rafter Joice; two or three said she was distracted and had been for some time. She was buried in the burying place." He md. (2d) Mary Wilson, dau. of Edward and Mary (Hale) Wilson of Charlestown. He d. Aug. 6, 1726. Among the twelve children of Samuel Marion was Isaac Marion, a son of the second wife, b. in Charlestown March 8, 1694. He md. July 7, 1717, Rebecca Knight, and of their five children Ignatius, the second son, came to Ashburnham, and Rebecca, the youngest, b. Oct. 18, 1730, d. here unmd. June 2, 1816.

- 1 IGNATIUS MERRIAM, son of Isaac and Rebecca (Knight) Merriam, was b. Aug. 15, 1724. He lived in Lexington, where the birth of children Susannah and Joseph are recorded, and in Woburn. Joseph, in his affidavit, page 209, alleges that he was b. in Woburn. I have found no record of his marriage. After his children were married and settled in life he came to this town, where two sons were living, about 1790. He d. April 3, and his wife d. April 2, 1799 ; they were buried in one grave in the old cemetery.

HISTORY OF ASHBURNHAM.

- 2 i. *Mary*, b. Feb. 9, 1749; md. — Draper.
- 3 ii. *Susannah*, b. Jan. 9, 1751; md. April 8, 1777,
Ephraim Winship, b. in Lexington June 25,
1753, son of Richard Winship.
- 4 iii. *Sarah*, b. June 19, 1754; md. — Reed.
- 5 iv. *Hepsibah*, b. Aug. 2, 1756; md. — Wetherbee.
- 6 v. *Abigail*, b. March 20, 1760; d. unmd. in Frances-
town, N. H.
- 7 vi. *Joseph*, b. Feb. 3, 1763.+
- 8 vii. *William*, b. Sept. 12, 1767.+

- (7) JOSEPH MERRIAM md. Sept. 25, 1782, Phebe Russell, b. May 24, 1764, dau. of Philip and Lydia (Dodge) Russell of Lexington. He lived a short time in Bedford, removing to this town in 1784. He lived at the centre of the town, in the northwest, and subsequently in the southwest part of the town, near the toll-gate. He d. April 4, 1849, aged 86 years; recorded 88; she d. May 29, 1845, aged 81 years; recorded 71.

- 9 i. *Philip Russell*, b. Jan. 4, 1784.+
- 10 ii. *Joseph*, b. Aug. 19, 1785.+
- 11 iii. *Nathan*, b. Oct. 21, 1787; d. in Ashburnham
unmd. April 7, 1851.
- 12 iv. *Phebe*, b. Dec. 13, 1789; md. Philip Bowman, son
of John Bowman, q. v.
- 13 v. *Jonas*, b. Nov. 25, 1804; removed to New Orleans,
La., where he d. unmd. Oct. 23, 1832.
- 14 vi. *Joshua*, b. Oct. 10, 1807.+

- (8) WILLIAM MERRIAM md. Oct. 30, 1788, Rebecca Metcalf, dau. of Joseph Metcalf, q. v. He was a blacksmith and lived near Factory Village. He is remembered as a man of good character and an excellent citizen. He d. June 11, 1834; she d. Dec. 9, 1831.

- 15 i. *William S.*, b. Feb. 14, 1789.+
- 16 ii. *Ezekiel*, b. May 17, 1792.+
- 17 iii. *Moses B.*, b. March 19, 1794; md. March 14,
1824, Abigail Simonds; was a machinist; d. in
Northboro' Dec. 24, 1876; his wife d. Dec. 17,
1870.
- 18 iv. *Rebecca*, b. Dec. 12, 1796; d. April 1, 1819.
- 19 v. *Margaret S.*, b. April 26, 1800; d. June 10, 1830.
- 20 vi. *Joel*, b. Jan. 28, 1802.+
- 21 vii. *James*, b. Oct. 16, 1803.+
- 22 viii. *Asa*, b. Feb. 2, 1810.+
- 23 ix. *Sarah R.*, b. Sept. 20, 1816; d. Jan. 15, 1817.

- (9) **PHILIP R. MERRIAM** was a merchant and a manufacturer of chairs in this town, and for many years he was engaged in teaming between Ashburnham and Boston. He was enterprising and ambitious and, until the advent of the Winchesters, who were his successors in the chair business, he was the principal supporter of the activities of the town. He md. Oct. 2, 1806, Sally Sanderson, dau. of Moses Sanderson, *q. v.*; she d. Oct. 15, 1843; md. (2d) Sept. 6, 1844, Ruth (Wallis) Morton, widow of John D. Morton, *q. v.* He d. April 29, 1880; his wife d. June 7, 1865.

- 24 I. *Philip Russell*, b. May 29, 1807. +
 25 II. *Otis Whiton*, b. May 27, 1812. +
 26 III. *Francis Henry*, b. Sept. 23, 1845; d. unmd. April 14, 1869.

- (10) **JOSEPH MERRIAM**, son of Joseph, md. Sept. 11, 1806, Betsey Adams; md. (2d) May 4, 1809, Betty (Gates) Wheeler, widow of Josiah Wheeler of Gardner and dau. of John Gates, *q. v.* He removed 1807 to Boxboro' and subsequently lived in Chesterfield, N. H., and in Royals-ton. He d. Oct. 11, 1850.

- 27 I. *Josiah W.*, b. June 12, 1809; was a merchant in Baltimore; md. Eliza Ann Rowell; md. (2d) Catherine Hall. Six children.
 28 II. *Elizabeth A.*, b. April 12, 1811; unmd.
 29 III. *John G.*, b. April 18, 1813; md. May 12, 1833. Sarah F. Warren; lived several years in Leominster. Four children.
 30 IV. *Sultina H.*, b. June 23, 1815; md. Nov. 17, 1842. Edward H. Reif; removed to Baltimore. Six children.
 31 V. *Sarah G.*, b. May 7, 1817; md. Sept. 3, 1849. George W. E. Kelley of Hopkinton, N. H. Two children.
 32 VI. *Nancy H.*, b. Oct. 26, 1819; md. June 20, 1859. Benjamin B. Howell. Five children.
 33 VII. *Anna T.*, b. Aug. 26, 1822; md. Sept. 3, 1845. Henry Bisselle. Three children.

- (14) **JOSHUA MERRIAM** md. Nov. 19, 1835, Nancy W. Holbrook, dau. of Jesse Holbrook, *q. v.* She d. July 30, 1852; md. (2d) Nov. 14, 1852, Roxanna Fassett of Fitzwilliam, N. H., who d. Oct. 3, 1859; md. (3d) June 1, 1861, Jane R. Wood, b. in England, a sister of Rev. Pliny Wood. He is a shoemaker in Central Village.

- 84 i. *Sarah E.*, b. May 21, 1839; md. March 10, 1868,
 Harding G. Woodward of Greenfield; he d.
 March 9, 1884. Three children.
- 35 ii. *Jane E.*, b. Sept. 29, 1840; d. Feb. 14, 1844.
- 36 iii. *Effe Jane*, b. June 2, 1863.

(15) WILLIAM S. MERRIAM md. March 10, 1810, Martha
 Lawrence, dau. of Amos Lawrence, *q. v.* He was a black-
 smith in this town and lived on the Amos Whitney farm
 and near the homestead of his father. In 1841 he re-
 moved to Chelsea. He d. Aug. 3, 1878; she d. Aug.,
 1872.

- 37 i. *Otis*, b. Sept. 14, 1810; md. Jan. 1, 1830, Abigail
 R. Savils; removed to Chelsea 1832; his wife
 d. May 7, 1839; md. (2d) Oct. 10, 1839,
 Harriet Lamont. He has continued a residence
 in Chelsea many years, and was an auctioneer
 and an insurance and real estate agent. A few
 years ago he began business at Putnam, Conn.,
 and until recently was president of the Putnam
 Gas Light Company. Four children.
- 38 ii. *Ezra Lawrence*, b. Feb. 28, 1812; md. Aug. 27,
 1835, Eliza B. Prescott who d. July 12, 1865;
 resides in Putnam, Conn.
- 39 iii. *Martha M.*, b. Oct. 10, 1814; md. Lyman Wood
 of Fitchburg; she d. March 8, 1839.
- 40 iv. *William Newton*, b. Nov. 15, 1816; md. 1841,
 Abigail Lord of Sanbornton; removed to Chel-
 sea; md. (2d) Margaret Clark; served in 40th
 Mass. Regiment and d. in Andersonville prison.
- 41 v. *Susan Augusta Wilson*, b. Nov. 8, 1818; md. Dec.
 12, 1855, William E. Stanwood.
- 42 vi. *Liberty*, b. Jan. 16, 1821; md. March 8, 1844,
 Lucinda Douglas; md. (2d) 1854, Mary Ann
 Heath. He was a manufacturer of wall paper.
- 43 vii. *Elvira*, b. Dec. 31. 1822; md. May 22, 1844,
 George G. Desmezes; resides in Chelsea.
- 44 viii. *Sultina Townsend*, b. June 15, 1825; md. Oct. 2,
 1845, William E. Stanwood; she d. May 8,
 1853.
- 45 ix. *Jeremiah Metcalf*, b. July 7, 1827; md. Nov. 7,
 1847, Elizabeth Moseley; was a manufacturer
 of wall paper.
- 46 x. *Sarah*, b. Nov. 6, 1829; d. Aug. 17, 1832.

(16) EZEKIEL MERRIAM md. Nov. 23, 1815, Nancy Reed,
 dau. of Jonas Reed, *q. v.* He was a stone-cutter and

- resided in Mason, N. H., and in this town. He d. Jan. 25, 1863; she d. Nov., 1875.

- 47 I. *Nancy*, b. Aug. 26, 1816; md. Sept. 12, 1838, George Howard; she d. in Ashby March 2, 1848.
- 48 II. *William Johnson*, b. Aug. 25, 1818; md. June 1, 1842, Matilda Russell of Boston; he d. at Auburndale Dec. 16, 1875.
- 49 III. *Rebecca*, b. Feb. 5, 1822; d. Feb. 25, 1822.
- 50 IV. *Rebecca*, b. June 8, 1824; md. Nov. 19, 1840, Harvey Howard; she d. at Nashua, N. H., Aug. 26, 1870; he d. Feb. 6, 1874.
- 51 V. *George W.*, b. Aug. 12, 1827; md. Nov. 1, 1850, Caroline Sears.
- 52 VI. *Sarah*, b. Jan. 18, 1832; md. May 12, 1853, Theodore H. Wood, b. in Littleton April 13, 1830. Mr. Wood removed from Worcester to Nashua in 1852. He was treasurer of the Nashua and Lowell Railroad several years and president of the Manchester and Keene Railroad. Sarah (Merriam) Wood d. Sept. 5, 1880.
- 53 1. Clara Abbott, b. July 2, 1854; md. April 15, 1875, Francis E. Nims who d. June 1, 1881.

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- (20) JOEL MERRIAM md. 1826, Deborah Cook, dau. of John Cook, *q. v.*; resided in this town; he d. Dec. 17, 1858; she d. 1877.

- 54 I. *John Cook*, b. June 15, 1827; md. Oct. 7, 1849, Sophronia A. Chase of Leominster; resides in Athol.
- 55 II. *Rosilla*, b. Nov. 9, 1828; d. March 7, 1831.
- 56 III. *Rosilla*, b. Dec. 5, 1831.
- 57 IV. *Mary E.*, b. June 15, 1834; md. Job Foster of Ashby; he d. March 14, 1877. Six children.
- 58 V. *Edward Balcom*, b. 1841; served in 36th Regiment; resides in Lawrence.
- 59 VI. *Angeline*, b. —; md. William Drury; she d. in Worcester 1882.
- 60 VII. *Rhoda*, b. —; md. Samuel McC—; resides in Lawrence.
- 61 VIII. *Melinda*, b. Feb. 16, 1847; md. Clarence Upton; resides in Lawrence.

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- (21) JAMES MERRIAM, son of William, md. 1827, Susan Bemis, b. in Winchendon May 27, 1807, dau. of Abel

Bemis. He resided in this town where he d. July 31, 1840 ; she md. (2d) Hosea Green, *q. v.*

- 62 I. *Dolly*, b. Nov. 2, 1830 ; d. Sept. 13, 1833.
63 II. *Dolly A.*, b. Aug. 26, 1834, md. Prof. Levi W. Russell, *q. v.*
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- (22) ASA MERRIAM resided in this town until about 1848, when he removed to Gardner. He was much employed in town affairs ; was captain of the Light Infantry and represented the town of Gardner in the Legislature. He md. Oct. 11, 1832, Almira B. Crosby, dau. of Frederic Crosby, *q. v.* She d. Feb. 13, 1845 ; md. (2d) 1845, Mary Barker, b. Aug. 31, 1811, who d. Aug. 13, 1864 ; md. (3d) Esther C. Ryan, b. May 27, 1825 ; d. March 23, 1883. He d. in Gardner Jan. 24, 1885.

- 64 I. *Milton*, b. April 29, 1835 ; md. Elizabeth G. Watts, b. March 30, 1837 ; resides in Gardner.
65 II. *Lavina*, b. March 30, 1837.
66 III. *Mary Almira*, b. Dec. 28, 1846.
67 IV. *Frances Neuton*, b. Jan. 9, 1848 ; d. Sept. 23, 1848.
68 V. *Austin*, b. May 25, 1852 ; d. Nov. 18, 1852.
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- (24) PHILIP R. MERRIAM, JR., was engaged in business with his father and subsequently was a merchant in this town. He removed in 1840 to Chelsea and was in trade in that city and in Boston. He md. July 2, 1835, Helen A. Smallpeace, b. in Boston Feb. 20, 1816. dau. of Robert and Hannah (Stevens) Smallpeace. He d. March 25, 1879 ; his widow resides in this town.

- 69 I. *Helen Maria*, b. April 27, 1838 ; d. May 16, 1852.
70 II. *Florence Otis*, b. Oct. 24, 1853 ; md. Jan. 24, 1817. Frank H. Parker, son of Jesse Parker, *q. v.*
71 III. *Abbott Smallpeace*, b. Sept 4, 1855 ; md. Aug. 31, 1880, Jennie Fleming ; resides in Boston.
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- (25) OTIS W. MERRIAM was associated with his father in the manufacture of chairs and subsequently was a partner of Charles Winchester. At his suggestion many substantial innovations were adopted, and while he remained in this town he was an important factor in the development of an industry which has contributed to the prosperity of the town. Subsequently he was engaged in business in Boston and in California. He now resides, an invalid, in Chelsea. He md. Hepsy Gibson, dau. of Samuel Gibson of Ashby. She d. June 27, 1843 ; he md. (2d) — — —.





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| 72 | i. <i>Caroline A.</i> , b. — ; md. Forest S. Chadbourne ; resides in California. |
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| 1 | DANIEL MERRILL came to this town from Fitchburg in April, 1766. He md. Sept. 27, 1766, Eunice Fellows, dau. of Samuel Fellows, <i>q. v.</i> Three children were b. in this town, and in 1772 the family removed to Deerfield. I have no record of a former marriage or the death of the first wife of Daniel Merrill ; but when he came to this town he had a son Moses. |
| 2 | i. <i>Moses</i> , b. previous to April, 1766. |
| 8 | ii. <i>Daniel</i> , b. May 7, 1767. |
| 4 | iii. <i>Samuel</i> , b. Oct. 19, 1768. |
| 5 | iv. <i>Billy</i> , b. Dec. 5, 1770. |

MERRITT.

HENRY MERRITT, b. in the county of Kent, England, about 1590, came to America previous to 1628. He settled in Scituate and became a large landed proprietor. He d., leaving sons John and Henry, 1652. The son John, b. about 1625, succeeded to the estate of his father in Scituate and is supposed to be the only son who left descendants. He md. 1655, Elizabeth Wyborne, dau. of Thomas Wyborne of Boston, and was living in 1670. John Merritt, son of John and Elizabeth (Wyborne) Merritt, b. in Scituate 1660, md. 1686, Elizabeth Hyland, dau. of Thomas and Elizabeth (Stockbridge) Hyland of Scituate. He d. in Scituate June 5, 1740, leaving twelve children. Among these was Jonathan Merritt, b. 1702 ; md 1727, Mehitable Damon, dau. of Zachary and Mehitable (Chittenden) Damon. About 1730 he removed from Scituate to Hebron, Conn., where he d. Oct. 21, 1758. Noah Merritt, son of Jonathan, b. 1730, removed to Templeton as early as 1753. I find no record of his marriage, but the fact is attested by thirteen children. He d. March 24, 1814. Simeon Merritt, son of Noah of Templeton, md. 1798, Dorcas Gay. They resided in Templeton. Their son, Increase Sumner Merritt, b. Oct. 15, 1799, resided some years in Gardner and returned to Templeton, where he d. April 15, 1877. He md. Susan Penniman, dau. of Ezra Penniman of Gardner, who d. Aug. 21, 1862. Two sons of these parents have resided in this town.

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| 1 | SIMEON MERRITT, son of Increase S. and Susan (Penniman) Merritt, was b. in Gardner March 21, 1823. At the age of twenty-three years he removed to this town and became prominently associated with public affairs. He was a selectman eight years, a road commissioner and was repeatedly elected to other positions of trust. He was a delegate to the constitutional convention in 1853 and a representative to the Legislature in 1877. He was well informed in public affairs and the political problems of his time, and manifested a lively interest in local and national politics. He md. Aug. 13, 1846, Eunice Taylor, dau. of Ephraim Taylor, <i>q. v.</i> She d. Dec. 3, 1872 ; md. (2d) Jan. 1, 1877, Abbie E. (Whitney) Barrell, widow of Charles W. Barrell and dau. of Ohio Whitney, <i>q. v.</i> He d. Dec. 19, 1882. |
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HISTORY OF ASHBURNHAM.

- 2 I. *Eunice Jane*, b. May 27, 1847; d. Aug. 25, 1847.
 3 II. *Ellen Anna*, b. Oct. 21, 1851; d. Dec. 15, 1851.
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4 EZRA M. MERRITT, a brother of Simeon, was b. in Gardner March 2, 1825. He is a chair maker and has resided in this town since 1849. He md. Dec., 1855, Adaline M. Sawyer, dau. of Abel Sawyer, *q. v.*; she d. Aug. 14, 1886.

- 5 I. *Carrie M.*, b. Nov. 8, 1861; d. Jan. 10, 1866.
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1 JOSEPH METCALF, b. April 3, 1734, is found residing in Groton several years before he came to Ashburnham. In 1755 he served in the Indian War. He md. Jan. 24, 1759, Margaret (Shattuck) Bennett, b. in Groton July 4, 1732, widow of Joseph Bennett and dau. of William and Margaret (Lund) Shattuck. These are the ancestors of all the Metcalfs who have resided in Ashburnham. They removed from Groton in 1770 and settled east of Lake Naukeag and about two hundred yards northwest from the residence of John T. Wilson. The fame of their kindness as neighbors and exemplary character is renewed in the traditions of succeeding generations. Among their descendants are included many bearing the names of Rice, Townsend, Laws and Merriam, and in later generations other names are included in the collateral branches. Joseph Metcalf d. from injuries received by falling from an apple tree, March 19, 1793, aged 59 years; Margaret, his widow, d. suddenly in Groton, while visiting her brother, Job Shattuck, June 20, 1802, aged nearly 70 years.

- 2 I. *Ezekiel Shattuck*, b. Oct. 13, 1759. +
 3 II. *Samuel*, b. March 15, 1761. +
 4 III. *Margaret*, b. March 19, 1763; md. Reuben Townsend, *q. v.*
 5 IV. *Sarah*, b. Sept. 7, 1765; md Reuben Rice, *q. v.*
 6 V. *Thankful*, b. Aug. 18, 1767; d. young.
 7 VI. *Rebecca*, b. Aug. 13, 1769; md. William Merriam, *q. v.*
 8 VII. *Joseph*, b. Aug. 25, 1771; d. March 29, 1791.
 9 VIII. *Jeremiah*, b. Oct. 30. 1773; d. March 8, 1774.
 10 IX. *Thankful*, b. May 18, 1775; md. March 21, 1797, James Laws, son of James Laws of Westminster.
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- 2) EZEKIEL S. METCALF md. Jan. 10, 1782, Eunice Brooks. He was a farmer on the homestead. He d. May 31, 1831; she d. June 12, 1811.

- 11 I. *Eunice*, b. — ; md. Jonas Robbins, *q. v.*
- 12 II. *Ezekiel*, b. — .+
- 13 III. *Joseph*, b. — ; md. 1814, Lucy Adams of Westminster. Resided in Gardner.
- 14 IV. *Jeremiah*, b. 1789.+
- 15 V. *Lucy*, b. — ; md. Samuel Marble, *q. v.*
- 16 VI. *Asa*, b. June 8, 1793 ; d. Sept. 10, 1794.
- 17 VII. *Dinah*, b. — ; md. Daniel Adams of Gardner. She d. about 1830, leaving eight children.
- 18 VIII. *Rhoda*, b. May 4, 1799 ; md. Phinehas Stimson, Jr., *q. v.*

(3) SAMUEL METCALF, whose service in the Revolution is stated in Chapters V and VI, removed from this town about 1785. He lived in Groton, N. H., where he d. Dec. 25, 1822. He md. Nov. 3, 1786, Phebe Fletcher who d. April 7, 1802 ; md. (2d) June 10, 1802, Betsey Kemp. Nearly all of his numerous children removed to the West.

- 19 I. *Samuel*, b. Aug. 3, 1787 ; md. Dec. 26, 1815, Mary Ball of Groton, N. H. ; removed to Kirtland, Ohio. Three children.
- 20 II. *Reuben*, b. Aug. 3, 1789 ; d. unmd. 1823.
- 21 III. *Aaron* (twin), b. Aug. 3, 1789 ; md. 1812, Sally Ames, b. in Groton, N. H., 1788. (Probably this family of Ames were descendants of Stephen Ames who removed from Ashburnham to Groton in 1776.) Removed to Kirtland, Ohio. Four children.
- 22 IV. *Joseph*, b. Aug. 12, 1792 ; md. Lucy Ames (a sister of Sally Ames), b. 1794 ; removed to Kirtland, Ohio ; she d. 1843. Three children.
- 23 V. *Levi*, b. Nov. 7, 1794 ; md. Betsey Whipple of Groton, N. H. ; removed to Michigan. He d. 1848. Five children.
- 24 VI. *Moses*, b. May 5, 1797 ; md. Sally Overrocker ; removed to Jackson county, Mich. Six children. [Was his wife a descendant of John Overlock of Ashburnham?]
- 25 VII. *David*, b. Feb. 10, 1799 ; d. March, 1799.
- 26 VIII. *Nehemiah*, b. March 24, 1802 ; d. unmd. Nov. 11, 1842.
- 27 IX. *Hardy* (twin), b. March 24, 1802 ; md. Nov. 24, 1826, Judith B. Russell ; removed to Plainfield, Ill. Six children.
- 28 X. *William*, b. Dec. 31, 1804 ; a ship carpenter ; lived in Massachusetts.

- 29 XI. *Betsey*, b. June 15, 1808; md. — Kidder; lived
in Groton, N. H.
- 30 XII. *Infant*, b. April 29, 1811; died in infancy.
- 31 XIII. *Infant* (twin), b. April 29, 1811; d. in infancy.
- 32 XIV. *Phebe*, b. May 28, 1815; md. Ezra Ames; re-
moved to Minnesota.
- 33 XV. *David*, b. July 31, 1819; went to California.
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- (12) EZEKIEL METCALF md. Feb. 16, 1815, Dorothy Foster,
dau. of Samuel Foster, *q. v.* He was a farmer on Foster
Hill. He d. Feb. 26, 1852; she d. April 14, 1867.
- 34 I. *Otis*, b. Jan. 10, 1816. +
- 35 II. *Joel F.*, b. Jan. 6, 1819. +
- 36 III. *Mary Ann*, b. April 17, 1821; md. Orin Morton,
q. v.
- 37 IV. *Sultina*, b. Dec. 2, 1824; d. Sept. 29, 1840.
- 38 V. *Lavina S.*, b. Sept. 26, 1835; d. Sept. 14, 1848.
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- (14) JEREMIAH METCALF md. Nov. 28, 1815, Dorothy
Clark, dau. of David Clark, *q. v.* He was a man of good
repute; a farmer on the old homestead. He d. March 25,
1824; she d. May 12, 1869.
- 39 I. *Cynthia*, b. Feb. 15, 1817; md. John Cook, *q. v.*
- 40 II. *Leonard*, b. Jan. 27, 1819; md. Feb. 24, 1846,
Tryphenia T. Travis of Shirley; she d. April 30,
1853; he md. (2d) March 25, 1854, Esther
Damon of Ashby. He d. in this town Sept. 17,
1857. Three children were b. in Boston.
- 41 1. Frank A., b. Feb. 21, 1847; md. Sept. 11,
1871, Ella H. Reynolds of New Bedford;
he resides in Charlestown.
- 42 2. Helen M., b. Jan. 11, 1849; md. James
Gilman.
- 43 3. Charles H., b. Sept. 8, 1851.
- 44 III. *Levi*, b. Jan. 29, 1821; d. unmd. March 18, 1847.
- 45 IV. *Charles*, b. Feb. 16, 1823; d. Feb. 24, 1823.
- 46 V. *George J.*, b. June 5, 1824; d. unmd. Dec. 6,
1863.
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- (34) OTIS METCALF md. April 23, 1839, Sarah C. Davis,
dau. of Reuben Davis of Ashby. He resided in the
Central Village. In the Civil War he served in the 36th
Regiment and was transferred to the Veteran Reserve
Corps. He d. Feb. 8, 1872; she d. April 9, 1882.

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| 47 | I. <i>George O.</i> , b. April 12, 1840; d. in California April 14, 1870. |
| 48 | II. <i>S. Sultina</i> , b. Feb. 18, 1842; md. Jan. 22, 1860, Martin V. B. Howe, b. in Jamaica, Vt., April 7, 1837. Reside in Gardner. |
| 49 | III. <i>E. Augusta</i> , b. May 29, 1844; md. Nov. 29, 1866, Charles W. Brigham, b. in Wardsboro', Vt., July 2, 1837; reside in Lowell. |
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- (35) JOEL F. METCALF md. Nov. 28, 1839, Martha D. Davis, dau. of Reuben Davis of Ashby. He resided in this town until he removed to Leominster, 1870. He served his native town as an assessor and a selectman and with the influence of a good citizen. Five children.
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| 50 | I. <i>Emily</i> , b. May 25, 1841; a physician in Waltham. <i>Vide page 516.</i> |
| 51 | II. <i>Sarah</i> , b. Jan. 27, 1843; md. Nov., 1865, Jonas P. Sawin, son of Abram Sawin, <i>q. v.</i> |
| 52 | III. <i>Martha</i> , b. Jan. 6, 1845; d. Nov. 4, 1864. |
| 53 | IV. <i>Maria</i> , b. Dec. 25, 1846; md. Russell Whitney. |
| 54 | V. <i>Walton J.</i> , b. March 4, 1854; md. Nov. 15, 1879, Ada Harris; resides at Leominster. |

MILLER.

The Miller families of Ashburnham are descendants of Dea. Joseph Miller, a prominent character in the early annals of Westminster. The emigrant ancestor was Richard Miller who is found in Charlestown 1637; he removed to Cambridge and d. previous to 1662, when his widow Eleanor md. (2d) Henry Harbard. Joseph Miller, son of Richard, b. about 1620, md. Mary Pope, dau. of Walter Pope. He resided in Cambridge and in Newton where he d. 1697; his widow d. 1711. Samuel Miller, son of Joseph, was b. in Newton Sept. 24, 1678; md. 1708, Elizabeth Child. He was a selectman in Newton and subsequently removed to Worcester, where he d. 1759. Joseph Miller, son of Samuel, b. in Newton July 29, 1716, md. 1741, Mary Williams and became one of the early settlers of Westminster. He was an assessor, selectman, treasurer, a deacon of the church and a representative. Isaac Miller, b. in Westminster March 31, 1754, the eighth of the eleven children of Dea. Joseph and Mary (Williams) Miller, md. 1779, Sarah Bennett. He resided in Westminster. To these parents seven children were b. as follows: I. Joseph, b. Sept. 22, 1780, resided in Ashburnham and is number 1 in the following register. II. Betsey, b. Feb. 18, 1782, md. — Winslow. III. Sarah, b. Jan. 3, 1785, md. Joseph Maynard, *q. v.* IV. Rebecca, b. Dec. 20, 1786, md. Aug. 24, 1811, James Hancock of Surry, N. H., and had ten children. V. Isaac, b. July 12, 1789. VI. Benjamin, b. April 15, 1791, resided some years in Ashburnham. No record of his marriage and children has been received. His dau., Susan W. Miller, md. July 3, 1842, John W. Hunt of Worcester. VII. Abigail, b. June 18, 1793, md. 1825, Ira Hyland of Westmoreland, N. H. They had three children: 1. Clarissa Maria, b. Jan. 8, 1827, md. Frederic A. Parker; 2. Reuben, b. Jan. 21, 1829, road master and wood agent of Cheshire Railroad; 3. Joseph M., b. Feb. 28, 1831. VIII. Dorcas, bap. Oct. 5, 1800. The mother, Sarah (Bennett) Miller, was a member of the church in Ashburnham and several of her children were baptized by Mr. Cushing.

1 JOSEPH MILLER, son of Isaac, b. in Westminster Sept.
22, 1780, md. Dec. 2, 1802, Zipporah Ellis, dau. of Jesse
Ellis, *q. v.*; she d. Nov. 4, 1827; he md. (2d) June 4,
1829, Hannah (Marble) Barrett, widow of Joel Barrett,
Jr., *q. v.* He was a carpenter in Ashburnham. He d.
July 12, 1860; his widow d. Aug. 14, 1875. Three chil-
dren by first and two by second marriage.

2 I. *Obed E.*, b. Feb. 26, 1803; md. June 17, 1827,
Sarah Lapham of Fitchburg; md. (2d) Sept.
13, 1842, Hannah Twiss of Charlestown. He
is a carpenter in Templeton.

3 II. *Nancy*, b. May 29, 1805; d. unmd. Dec. 12, 1826.

4 III. *Stephen Austin*, b. July 1, 1819.†

5 IV. *Sarah Nancy*, b. April 18, 1830; md. Oct. 22,
1851, William Leonard Davis, dealer in stoves,
furnaces and tin ware, in firm of Davis, Wright
& Co., Keene, N. H.

6 v. *George*, b. May 16, 1834; d. July 6, 1834.

(4) STEPHEN A. MILLER is kindly remembered in his native
town as a loyal citizen and a gentleman of unblemished
character. He removed about 1855 to Leominster, where
in company with Oliver G. Caldwell he has been actively
engaged in the manufacture of tubs and pails. In his
business and social relations he has not failed in com-
manding the respect of his associates. He md. Feb. 2,
1843, Miranda S. Wilder of Winchendon.

7 I. *Emeretta M.*, b. Nov. 9, 1846; md. June 15,
1870, Francis W. Burdett; resides in Leomin-
ster.

8 II. *Genifrede Josephine*, b. Aug. 4, 1850; md. Feb.
26, 1880, C. Stephen Marcy of Fitchburg.

9 III. *Edward Austin*, b. May 30, 1852; d. May 27,
1859.

10 IV. *Joseph Lewis*, b. Nov. 29, 1857; md. July 21,
1880, Carrie E. Sanderson of Shirley; resides
in Leominster.

11 DR. ALFRED MILLER, son of John and Betsey (Robin-
son) Miller and a grandson of Robert Miller, was b. in
Westminster, Vt., March 15, 1815. Middlebury College
1840; M. D., Woodstock, Vt., 1844; resident physician
in Ashburnham 1845-62. *Vide* page 470. He md. Dec.
28, 1847, Elsie L. Kibling, dau. of Francis Kibling, *q. v.*;
d. in Fitchburg Nov. 15, 1877.

- 12 i. *Alfred M.*, b. Oct. 13, 1849; d. Oct. 20, 1849.
- 13 ii. *Ernest Parker*, b. Jan. 4, 1851. He is a physician in Fitchburg. *Vide* page 508. He md. Oct., 1878, Myra B. Richardson.
- 14 iii. *Alice*, b. April 20, 1855; graduate of Fitchburg High School 1873; Vassar College 1876.
- 15 iv. *Emma Louise*, b. Nov. 26, 1857; md. Oct., 1878, George H. Crocker.
- 16 v. *Margaret Fiske*, b. March 8, 1868.
- 17 vi. *Alfred Kibling*, b. March 31, 1870.

1 THOMAS MONOHAN md. in Fitchburg Dec. 8, 1848, Bridget Rowley, and removed to this town a few years subsequently. They are natives of Ireland and reside in the northwest part of the town.

- 2 i. *John*, b. July 13, 1849; d. young.
- 3 ii. *Lizzie*, b. Dec. 19, 1852; md. B. F. Brewin.
- 4 iii. *Thomas P.*, b. Sept. 22, 1854.
- 5 iv. *Mary*, b. Aug. 5, 1856.
- 6 v. *Margaret*, b. May 20, 1858; d. May 21, 1863.
- 7 vi. *James A.*, b. May 3, 1861; d. July 15, 1882.
- 8 vii. *Ellen*, b. March 8, 1863; d. May 20, 1885.

1 PITT MOORE was b. in Sterling Dec. 5, 1787. He was a son of Jonathan Moore and a brother of Rev. Martin Moore, many years editor of the *Boston Recorder*. He md. Abigail Sawyer and resided in Boylston until 1828, when he removed to this town. He lived many years near Little Watatic on a farm known as the Hinds place. In his age he found a home with his son-in-law Luke Marble. His wife d. about 1821, and he md. (2d) Esther Hastings. He d. March 5, 1877; his widow d. Feb. 21, 1879. The children were b. in Boylston.

- 2 i. *Asher*, b. Nov. 21, 1815. +
- 3 ii. *Elliot*, b. April 25, 1819. +
- 4 iii. *Edward*, b. Jan. 28, 1823; md. Rachel Monahan; he d. May 11, 1859.
- 5 iv. *Abigail*, b. Sept. 8, 1826; md. Luke Marble, *q. v.*

(2) ASHER MOORE md. April 26, 1841, Elizabeth Leland of Hubbardston. He resides, a farmer, in this town. He was formerly a school-teacher and has been a member of the school committee several years.

- 6 i. *Martha*, b. May 9, 1842; md. June 20, 1865, Joseph B. Brown. He served in the 21st Regt.

and was discharged on account of wounds, May 7, 1863. She d. Sept. 6, 1880.

7 II. *Oliver*, b. Sept. 28, 1846; d. Jan. 7, 1847.

8 III. *Alfred*, b. Nov. 11, 1847; md. May 10, 1876, Ellen T. Day of Templeton. They reside in Baldwinville.

9 IV. *Charles Asher*, b. Aug. 11, 1862.

(3) ELLIOT MOORE md. Jan. 4, 1841, Dorothy H. Marble, dau. of Oliver Marble, Jr., *q. v.* He was a school-teacher and a merchant in this town, and was a selectman, assessor and a member of the school committee. About twelve years ago he removed to Townsend.

10 I. *Harriet*, b. Dec. 5, 1841; d. young.

11 II. *Abbie S.*, b. Dec. 12, 1849.

12 III. *Alice L.*, b. Aug. 23, 1858.

13 IV. *John Elliot*, b. June 17, 1861; d. 1864.

1 JOHN D. MORTON from Boston was a tailor in this town about ten years. He md. Dec. 5, 1831, Ruth D. Wallis, dau. of David Wallis, *q. v.* He d. Oct. 21, 1841; she md. (2d) Philip R. Merriam, *q. v.*

2 I. *Andrew Wallis*, b. May 26, 1833; removed to Kansas.

3 II. *Mary Wallis*, b. May 2, 1836; md. Aaron Pratt, son of William Pratt, *q. v.*

4 III. *Alexander Hamilton*, b. Feb. 24, 1839; d. Dec. 20, 1854.

5 IV. *Isabelle D.*, b. Sept. 6, 1841; md. Jan. 1, 1867, George J. Savage, b. in Greenfield, N. H., Feb. 22, 1841, son of William and Asenath (Patch) Savage. They reside in this town. Four of their five children are living.

6 ORIN MORTON, b. in Orange May 16, 1817, md. Dec. 26, 1839, Mary Ann Metcalf, dau. of Ezekiel Metcalf, *q. v.*; she d. Nov. 2, 1875. He resides in this town.

7 I. *Mary S.*, b. July 28, 1841; md. Andrew J. Howe; resides in this town.

8 II. *Francis Henry*, b. May 14, 1844; md. Sabra Partridge; resides in Providence, R. I. He served in 21st Regiment.

9 III. *Clara Amanda*, b. April 27, 1848; md. 1869, George Allen of Providence, R. I.; d. July 18, 1876.

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| 10 | iv. <i>Orin Edward</i> , b. June 23, 1851; d. unmd. Jan. 26, 1873. |
| 11 | v. <i>Dorothy Lavinia</i> , b. June 23, 1860; resides in Providence, R. I. |

MOSSMAN.

The name of Mossman is of frequent mention in the early annals of Dorchester Canada. Timothy Mossman was b. in Wrentham Nov. 17, 1679. He md. July 27, 1701, Sarah Hicks, dau. of Samuel Hicks of Dorchester. On account of the service of the family of his wife in the expedition to Canada in 1690, he was admitted a grantee of the township of Dorchester Canada July 5, 1736. By this favor he became one of the sixty original proprietors of the township. He resided in Sudbury where his wife d., and he md. (2d) Nov. 27, 1767, Tabitha Balcom. He d. Feb. 22, 1773. Among the sons of Timothy and Sarah (Hicks) Mossman was Timothy Mossman, b. in Sudbury 1710. In pages 56 and 79 the assertion is made that Timothy Mossman, Sen., was a resident of Dorchester Canada. All that is said of Timothy Mossman in the record of settlements is fully verified, only it was Timothy Mossman, Jr., and not the father, who came to this town. He was here in the first effort to establish a settlement, and owned the land extending on the west side of Cushing street from Main street to the common. A part or all of this tract with other lands was secured by Timothy Mossman, the father, at the first division of land among the proprietors. On this land the son built a house of entertainment. *Vide* page 71. In 1744, when it became evident that the settlement must be abandoned and at a time when several families had removed to places of greater security, Timothy Mossman remained and was directed to take care of the meeting-house and to board up the windows and doors. In August of this year he sold the house of entertainment and his land to Asher Cutler and was one of the last to desert the settlement. He never returned, but the descendants of Timothy Mossman, Sen., have been included among the later and the present inhabitants of this town. Timothy Mossman, Jr., when driven from this town by the Indian alarm, returned to Sudbury; but a few years after, about 1760, he is found in Princeton, and was living upon the Potash farm in that town. Afterward he lived in Westminster many years, and there his restless spirit found rest Sept. 5, 1801, aged nearly 92 years. He md. Feb. 26, 1733-4, Martha Whitney, b. in Weston April 4, 1716, dau. of William and Martha (Peirce) Whitney.

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| 1 | MATTHIAS MOSSMAN, b. in Sudbury March 17, 1749, was a son of James and Elizabeth (Balcom) Mossman and a grandson of Timothy, Sen., and Sarah (Hicks) Mossman. He md. Sarah Haines and removed from Sudbury to Ashburnham in 1793. In 1795 and a few succeeding years he was chosen an assessor, and the repeated mention of his name in the records supports the voice of tradition that he was an educated, capable man and that his services were held in high esteem. He was a farmer and a surveyor and many maps, plans and outlines of highways neatly executed by him are in the possession of John M. Pratt. About 1800 he removed to Westminster, but subsequently returned to this town where he d. Nov. 8, 1819; his wife d. in Westminster Sept. 29, 1808. Of their eleven children the eldest was b. in Marlboro', eight in Sudbury and two in Ashburnham. |
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- 2 I. *Micah*, b. July 8, 1774; d. Sept. 17, 1775.
 3 II. *Mark*, b. Sept. 3, 1775; md. Oct. 18, 1798, Lois
 — of Fitchburg, and removed to Vermont.
 He d. June 11, 1841.
 4 III. *Betsey*, b. June 6, 1777; md. Hayman Wheeler of
 Westminster; d. May 11, 1809.
 5 IV. *Beulah*, b. Oct. 13, 1779; d. July 21, 1824.
Vide page 546.
 6 V. *Rebecca*, b. April 20, 1782; md. John Wilson of
 Westminster; md. (2d) — Gilbert of Brook-
 field; d. March 5, 1864.
 7 VI. *John*, b. Oct. 26, 1784; md. May 8, 1810, Copia
 Ward, dau. of John Ward, *q. v.* He was taxed
 here a few years and the birth of third child is
 recorded in this town, but he resided a longer
 time in Westminster, where he d. June 11, 1841.
- 8 1. Leonard, b. Sept. 15, 1810. +
 9 2. Aaron, b. Nov. 21, 1811; md. Martha Ball.
 10 3. John Ward, b. Sept. 26, 1813; md. Mary
 E. Libbey.
 11 4. Lucinda, b. March 8, 1816; md. Nov. 15,
 1838, Joseph Woodward. She d. May
 10, 1842.
 12 5. Dorothy, b. Sept. 29, 1822; md. Jonathan
 Hapgood.
- 13 VII. *Deidama*, b. April 19, 1787; md. Silas Ward, *q. v.*
 14 VIII. *Tyler*, b. April 8, 1790; d. April 22, 1790.
 15 IX. *Sally*, b. April 13, 1791; d. July 18, 1807.
 16 X. *Lucinda*, b. Sept. 13, 1794; md. John Boynton of
 Fitchburg; d. March 27, 1876.
 17 XI. *Leonard*, b. March 12, 1797; d. July 26, 1808.

- (8) LEONARD MOSSMAN, son of John, md. 1840, Clarinda
 Richardson, who d. June 7, 1861; md. (2d) Nov. 13,
 1862, Lucy Smith, dau. of Joshua Smith, Jr., *q. v.* She
 d. Dec. 6, 1873. He md. (3d) Mrs. Gates of West-
 minster. He resided many years in this town and d. in
 Westminster Sept. 28, 1878.

- 18 I. *Hollis*, b. Oct., 1852; md. Oct. 5, 1882, Jennie L.
 Clark, dau. of Luther Clark, *q. v.*

MUNROE.

WILLIAM MUNROE, b. in Scotland 1625, arrived in New England in March,
 1652, and in 1657 he is found in Cambridge. He settled in the part of Cam-
 bridge that is now within the limits of Lexington and near the line of Woburn.
 He was admitted freeman 1690, and in 1693 he was one of a committee "to

treat for the purchase of land for the minister." In 1694 he was a selectman, and subsequently he was frequently named in the records in connection with municipal affairs. He md. Martha George, dau. of John and Elizabeth George of Charlestown; she d., leaving four children, about 1671; he md. (2d) Mary Ball, dau. of John Ball of Watertown by whom he had ten children. She d. in Aug., 1692, aged 41; he md. (3d) Elizabeth (Johnson) Wyer, widow of Edward Wyer of Charlestown; she d. Dec. 14, 1715; he d. Jan. 27, 1717-18, aged 92. From his will it appears that fourteen of his children were living in 1716. Susanna the youngest is not named and probably she d. at an early age.

John Munroe, b. March 10, 1686, son of William and Martha (George) Munroe, resided on the homestead in Lexington. He was a constable, assessor, treasurer and selectman, serving in these capacities many years. He was a subscriber for the meeting-house in 1692, and was taxed for the purchase of the ministerial land in 1693. He was employed many years to ring the bell and to sweep the meeting-house. No record of his marriage is preserved. The name of the mother of the younger children and possibly of all of them was Hannah. Jonas Munroe, the eighth of ten children, was bap. Nov. 22, 1707. He md. Jan. 3, 1733-4, Joanna Locke, b. Feb. 2, 1712-13, dau. of Joseph and Margaret (Mead) Locke of Lexington. She d. Sept. 17, 1748; he md. (2d) Rebecca Watts of Chelsea. He was styled Lieut. Jonas Munroe. Among the children of the first wife was Joanna, the wife of John Adams the centenarian, *q. v.*, and of the second wife was Lieut. Ebenezer Munroe of this town, and Martha who. d. here unmd. May 11, 1793.

- 1 LIEUT. EBENEZER MUNROE, son of Lieut. Jonas Munroe, was b. in Lexington April 29, 1752. An account of his participation in the engagement at Lexington, May 19, 1775, appears on page 177. He md. April 10, 1781, Lucy (Muzzey) Simonds of Woburn. The following year he removed to Ashburnham and settled in the south part of the town. In 1787 he was a lieutenant of the militia and subsequently he was moderator of the annual meeting and a selectman several years. His character was above reproach, and his influence in social and public affairs was constant and salutary. He d. May 25, 1825; his widow md. (2d) John Adams, *q. v.*
- 2 1. *Charles*, b. Sept. 12, 1781.†
- 3 11. *Lucy*, b. March 21, 1783; md. Nov. 4, 1802, Daniel Kinsman, b. in Ipswich March 30, 1778, son of Jeremiah and Martha (Andrews) Kinsman. She d. April 3, 1833; he d. in Fitchburg Sept. 15, 1867.
- 4 1. *Louisa*, b. May 20, 1803; md. Flint Sheldon of Fitchburg; she resides in this town.
- 5 2. *Lucy*, b. Sept. 4, 1804; md. Francis Hinds, *q. v.*; md. (2d) Jonathan P. Wilder, *q. v.*
- 6 3. *Charles M.*, b. Sept. 3, 1807; md. Hannah R. Smith.
- 7 4. *Cyrus*, b. May 2, 1810.

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5. Martha A., b. Oct. 20, 1814; md. William Perkins; md. (2d) E. J. B. Baker, *q. v.*
 6. Miranda, b. Sept. 10, 1815; md. Charles R. Foster; reside in Bloomfield, Wis.
 - 10 7. Munroe, b. Jan. 13, 1826; md. Lucy A. Brown; reside in Smithville, N. Y.
 - 11 8. Alfred D., b. Dec. 5, 1820; md. April 3, 1849, Maria C. Houghton; md. (2d) April 27, 1861, Susan Bryant. He has resided in this town several years.
 - 12 1. Frank M., b. Feb. 17, 1854; resides in Courtland, N. Y.
 - 13 III. *Ebenezer*, b. Feb. 25, 1785. +
 - 14 IV. *Jonas*, b. May 27, 1790. +
 - 15 V. *John*, b. Oct. 4, 1793. +
 - 16 VI. *Rebecca*, b. June 7, 1798; md. John Gibson, son of Thomas Gibson, *q. v.*
 - 17 VII. *Herrick*, b. Nov. 1, 1802; d. unmd. Dec. 14, 1844.
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- (2) CHARLES MUNROE md. June 9, 1808, Lydia Conn, dau. of John Conn, *q. v.* He was a member of the Ashburnham Light Infantry and in the service in the War of 1812. Mr. Munroe resided at the South Village and was one of the pioneer manufacturers of chairs in this town. With this industry intimately associated with the growth and prosperity of Ashburnham he was an influential factor. As a citizen he commanded the respect of his associates. He d. Oct. 26, 1834; his widow d. March 9, 1837.
- 18 I *Lydia*, b. Aug. 30, 1809; md. June 21, 1832. Sylvester Winship of Westminster; she d. March 21, 1835; he md. (2d) her sister Lucy.
 - 19 1. John S., b. July 22, 1833; d. July 22, 1850.
 - 20 II. *John*, b. Dec. 24, 1812. +
 - 21 III. *Mary Farwell*, b. May 3, 1814; md. Sept. 15, 1833, John Winship; resided in Ashburnham, where he d. Nov. 11, 1879. She d. Dec. 4, 1885.
 - 22 1. Mary Jane, b. Dec. 21, 1834; md. Reuben Bennett.
 - 23 2. Sarah L., b. May 16, 1837; md. Frank Griffin.
 - 24 3. Ellen Susan, b. Oct. 19, 1846; md. 1869, Fred H. Potter; md. (2d) Hazeleus Souck.

- 25 iv. *Charles*, b. Nov. 19, 1817; removed to State of
New York where he d. 1882, leaving a family.
- 26 v. *Lucy*, b. March 5, 1820, md. July 1, 1840, Sylves-
ter Winship; he d. in this town July 11, 1883;
she resides at Central Village.
- 27 1. *Charles M.*, b. Nov. 15, 1840; d. May 30,
1843.
- 28 2. *Lydia*, b. Feb. 27, 1843; md. Capt.
Asahel Wheeler, *q. v.*
- 29 3. *Harriet E.*, b. Oct. 26, 1850.
- 30 4. *Susan M.*, b. June 10, 1852.
- 31 vi. *Ivers*, b. May 30, 1823. +
- 32 vii. *Loring*, b. June 12, 1826. +
- 33 viii. *Harriet Arvilla*, b. July 20, 1829; md. Sept. 19,
1853, Timothy Addison Tenney; he d. April
17, 1868.
- 34 1. *Lucia J.*, b. June 23, 1854; md. Joseph
Brown.
- 35 2. *Hattie E.*, b. April 3, 1860.
- 36 3. *Charles H.*, b. Jan. 23, 1864.
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- (13) EBENEZER MUNROE md. —, Mary Sargent, b. July
16, 1790, dau. of Samuel and Mary (Vryling) Sargent of
Winchendon. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and
resided in this town until about 1830 when he removed to
Westminster, where he d. July 31, 1844; his widow d.
Sept. 7, 1852.
- 37 i. *Ebenezer L.*, b. July 3, 1809.
- 38 ii. *Samuel A.*, b. Sept. 13, 1810.
- 39 iii. *Mary S.*, b. July 5, 1812; d. March 17, 1834.
- 40 iv. *Emeline A.*, b. March 27, 1814.
- 41 v. *Charles H.*, b. May 3, 1816.
- 42 vi. *Louisa M.*, b. Feb. 2, 1818; d. Sept. 26, 1838.
- 43 vii. *Joseph W.*, b. April 17, 1820; d. in California.
- 44 viii. *George A.*, b. May 24, 1823; a physician in St.
Louis, Mo., and later in Indian Territory.
- 45 ix. *Lorenzo*, b. Jan. 29, 1825.
- 46 x. *John M.*, b. March 10, 1828.
- 47 xi. *Francis A.*, b. July 1, 1833.
- 48 xii. *Leander*, b. Dec. 1, 1834; d. July 25, 1858.
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- (14) JONAS MUNROE resided in this town until 1824 when he
removed to Rindge. He was an officer of the Light Infan-
try five years and commanded the company two years
after he removed from town. He was a farmer. He md.

May 9, 1815, Eliza Sargent, b. May 10, 1792, dau. of Samuel and Mary (Vryling) Sargent of Winchendon. He d. in Rindge May 9, 1849; she d. Feb. 5, 1849.

- 49 I. *Jonas Austin*, b. Feb. 4, 1816; md. 1837, Elizabeth Tibbetts; resided in Chittenango, N. Y., where he d. Sept. 26, 1839.
- 50 II. *Eliza Darling*, b. April 16, 1818.
- 51 III. *James Watson*, b. Sept. 30, 1824; md. April 4, 1848, Laurana Crane, dau. of Larra and Sally B. Crane of Boston.
- 52 IV. *Merrick Adams*, b. Feb. 27, 1828; md. Nov. 2, 1869, Henrietta Mason; resides in Middlebury, Vt.
- 53 V. *Charles Mavery*, b. Jan. 7, 1831; md. Aug. 15, 1865, Emily A. Higgins.
- 54 VI. *George Milton*, b. Nov. 4, 1832.+

- (15) JOHN MUNROE md. May 6, 1819, Sophia Gibson, dau. of Thomas Gibson, *q. v.* He resided in Ashburnham, Westminster and Cleveland, N. Y.

- 55 I. *Orison J.*, b. Oct. 28, 1819; md. April 24, 1848, Ann E. Newton.
- 56 II. *Sophia H.*, b. March 27, 1821; md. Feb. 26, 1845, Winchester Wyman.
- 57 III. *Porter*, b. May 23, 1826; md. July 1, 1845, Harriet Maynard; he d. at Brattleboro', Vt., Oct. 30, 1880.
- 58 IV. *Sophonria L.*, b. June 4, 1831.

- (20) JOHN MUNROE md. 1832, Nancy W. Cushing, dau. of Laban Cushing, *q. v.* She d. Nov. 9, 1845; he md. (2d) Dec. 7, 1846, Martha A. Howland; she d. —; he md. (3d) July 21, 1864, Lucy M. Wilson of Nelson, N. H. He d. May 7, 1874. His widow resides at South Village.

- 59 I. *Susan M.*, b. Aug. 18, 1838; md. Rufus Wheeler of Ashby. Two children.
- 60 II. *James A.*, b. Aug. 17, 1840; d. Aug. 15, 1849.
- 61 III. *Sarah L.*, b. Feb. 17, 1844.
- 62 IV. *Charles L.*, b. Sept. 15, 1848; d. Aug. 15, 1849.
- 63 V. *Mary Jane*, b. May 7, 1851; md. April 8, 1871, George W. Carr of Westminster; reside in Chelsea.
- 64 VI. *Nellie*, b. —; md. — Avery; reside in Malden.
- 65 VII. *Lucy Rebecca*, b. March 9, 1865.

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Loring, Munroe

31) IVERS MUNROE resided in this town until 1846, when he removed to Camden, N. Y., and as a student entered the law office of Stephen Cromwell. In Mr. Cromwell he found an able instructor and a generous friend. He was admitted to the bar in 1848 and immediately a partnership was formed, and the increasing business of the office was conducted by Cromwell and Munroe during the ensuing twenty years. These were years of labor and crowned with a generous measure of success. During the Civil War, Mr. Munroe was commissioner of drafts and enrolment of the Twentieth District of New York. From 1848 to 1862 he was actively engaged in the practice of his profession in Iowa, first at Sidney in Tremont county and later at Clinton, the shire of Clinton county. In this field he was promptly recognized as a faithful attorney and a gentleman of character and integrity. He was an alderman in Clinton several years, and occupied a prominent position in professional, business and public affairs. Since 1882 Mr. Munroe has resided in impaired health in Oneida, N. Y. He md. 1845, Lucia S. Gould, dau. of Thomas Gould of Rockingham, Vt.; she d. 1855; he md. (2d) Nancy J. Thomas, dau. of Chaney Thomas of Lee, N. Y.; she d. Oct. 6, 1885. Of seven children only two are living.

32) LORING MUNROE, at the age of twenty years, removed to Cleveland, N. Y., and there became interested in the manufacture of glass, in which he has been successful. For several years he owned an interest in the American Glass Company at Bernhard's Bay, and in 1861 he purchased the Dunbarton Glass Works at Verona, N. Y., which is now conducted by his sons. The business career of Mr. Munroe has been characterized by industry, sagacious management and executive ability. He has resided several years in Oneida, in the county of Madison, where he is a trustee of the Oneida Savings Bank and an active member of the banking house of Barnes, Stark and Munroe. His interest in the prosperity of the town is attested by the Munroe Block, and of the Opera House he is joint owner with Mr. Barnes. He has occupied many positions of trust and is held in high esteem by his associates. He md. Jane Lowarden who was b. in Baltimore, Md., April 4, 1830. Three sons, George Loring, Charles I. and Anthony B., are living. Three daughters are deceased.

34) GEORGE M. MUNROE was residing in Boston when he entered the service in the Civil War. *Vide* page 462.

Since the war he resided in Washington, D. C., and in Philadelphia, removing to Ashburnham in 187—. He md. Ann Haliday, b. in Natchez, Miss., May 6, 1840.

- 66 i. *Josephine A.*, b. July 10, 1866; md. Nov. 8, 1886,
 John E. Wilson, son of John Wilson, *q. v.*
 67 ii. *Albert Burnside*, b. July 29, 1869.

1 SAMUEL NICHOLS, with wife Lydia and one child, removed from Harvard 1761. The same year he purchased the mills at Lane Village of Caleb Dana, to whom Nathan Dennis had sold the property. Here Samuel Nichols resided until 1777 when he removed to Walpole, N. H. While he remained in this town he was a prominent citizen.

- 2 i. *Bethiah*, b. June 29, 1760.
 3 ii. *Hezekiah*, b. Feb. 19, 1762.
 4 iii. *Lydia*, b. April 13, 1767.
 5 iv. *Mary*, b. Sept. 14, 1770.
 6 v. *Lucy*, b. June 20, 1772.

7 JOHN NICHOLS, b. in Charlestown July 4, 1821, md. in Ashburnham Feb. 24, 1843, Arvilla Rice, dau. of Levi Rice, *q. v.* They lived several years in Cambridge, and removed to this town 1865.

- 8 i. *Frances E.*, b. Aug. 22, 1846; md. Lemuel Ripley.
 9 ii. *James C.*, b. Jan. 22, 1849; md. Melpha R. Sawin, dau. of Asa Sawin, *q. v.*; reside in Leominster.
 10 iii. *Charles H.*, b. April 21, 1851; d. Feb. 24, 1871.
 11 iv. *Sarah A.*, b. May 31, 1853; md. Frank L. Marble, son of Warren Marble, *q. v.*
 12 v. *John D.*, b. Nov. 17, 1857; md. April 24, 1881, Etta C. Skillings, dau. of Seward E. Skillings; reside in Boston.

1 SAMUEL L. NOYES, son of Henry J. and Jane L. (Gates) Noyes, and grand-son of Silas and Abiah Noyes of Newburyport, was b. in Gardner June 6, 1837. He md. Nov. 13, 1867, Julia W. Lombard, b. in Westminster Aug. 7, 1844, dau. of Franklin and Eunice (Whitney) Lombard. Mr. Noyes removed to this town from Westminster in 1883, and is engaged in the manufacture of toys on Water street. He is of the board of selectmen.

- 2 i. *Ernest L.*, b. April 20, 1873.

- 1 JONAS NUTTING, b. in Westford 1783, son of Thomas and Sybel Nutting. md. Sept. 7, 1805, Mary Spaulding, dau. of James Spaulding, *q. v.* He removed to this town about 1809 and was a farmer on a discontinued road leading north from the "Children of the Woods." He d. April 23, 1842; his widow went to New Ipswich and d. there May 1, 1857.
- 2 I. *Jonas*, b. 1806; resided in New Ipswich. He was an officer in the 6th New Hampshire Volunteers. He md. 1828, Lucy Sylvester, who d. April 20, 1862. He d. June 20, 1873. Eight children.
- 3 II. *Sally*, b. Sept. 20, 1808; md. 1834, Ezekiel Nutting; lived in New Ipswich. Four children.
- 4 III. *Phineas*, b. 1810; d. unmd. 1830.
- 5 IV. *Hiram*, b. 1813; md. 1833, Asenath Tenney; d. in California. Three children.
- 6 V. *Mary*, b. 1815; d. Aug. 20, 1816.
- 7 VI. *John*, b. 1819; md. Cynthia Davis; lived in New Ipswich and in Richmond, N. H., where he d. March 6, 1876. Six children.

OBERLOCK OF OVERLACK, *vide* Locke.

PACKARD.

The Packard families of this town are descendants of Robert Packard of Westmoreland, N. H., who was b. about 1760. The emigrant ancestor was Samuel Packard who came from Windham near Hingham, England, in the Diligent 1638, and settled in Hingham. Subsequently he removed to West Bridgewater, where he d. 1684. Among his twelve children was Zaccheus Packard who md. Sarah Howard, dau. of John Howard, and d. 1723. The eldest of his nine children was Israel Packard, b. April 27, 1680; md. 1708 Hannah —. Of their nine children was Robert Packard b. 1722, and there remains little doubt that he was the father of Robert Packard of Westmoreland, N. H., who md. Feb. 11, 1782, Elizabeth Hudson. Nathan Packard, one of the seven children of Robert and Elizabeth (Hudson) Packard, was b. June 8, 1792. He md. 1815, Celia D. Houghton, dau. of Taylor Houghton of Woodstock, Vt. He resided in Stockbridge and Rutland, Vt.; he d. in Michigan Sept. 1, 1836. Another son of Robert and Elizabeth (Hudson) Packard was Robert, Jr., b. 1798; md. May 11, 1818, Diadema Chamberlain of Stockbridge, Vt.

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- 1 ISRAEL ALFRED PACKARD, b. in Stockbridge, Vt., Sept. 7, 1818, son of Nathan and Celia D (Houghton) Packard, has resided in Ashburnham since 1839. He was a tanner and morocco dresser, but during the past thirty-five years he has been a farmer. He owns and occupies the farm formerly of Ezekiel Metcalf and a part of the Foster farm. He md. Jan. 23, 1840, Frances Caldwell, dau. of John Caldwell, *q. v.* She d. Jan. 1, 1843; he md. (2d) Aug. 3, 1843, Hepsibath C. Lane, dau. of Capt. Francis Lane, *q. v.*

- 2 i. *Alfred Philander*, b. May 25, 1842; d. July 24, 1842.
 - 3 ii. *Charles Francis*, b. Aug. 12, 1844; md. May 9, 1872, Ardella L. Stearns, dau. of Samuel and Lois B. (Langley) Stearns of Lawrence. He is a millwright, and of the firm of Packard Bros. who own the mills at Lane Village.
 - 4 iii. *Sarah Frances*, b. April 6, 1846; md. Oct. 18, 1870, Andrus Burnham, son of John P. and Emily (Hall) Burnham of Woodstock, Vt.; reside in Westminster.
 - 5 iv. *Susan Rebecca*, b. Aug. 6, 1848; md. Oct. 20, 1868, Augustus A. Scales, son of Aaron and Betsey (Seaver) Scales of Townsend; reside in Minneapolis, Minn.
 - 6 v. *Henry Alfred*, b. Dec. 6, 1852; md. Nov. 3, 1884, Nancy J. Scales, dau. of Aaron and Betsey (Seaver) Scales. He is of the firm of Packard Brothers.
 - 7 vi. *Mina Augusta*, b. Aug. 13, 1856; d. Dec. 17, 1866.
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- 8 HORACE C. PACKARD, b. Aug. 21, 1831, son of Robert, Jr., and Diadema (Chamberlain) Packard, md. Sept. 15, 1853, Philena Howard, b. Jan. 20, 1834, dau. of Josiah Howard of Hinsdale, N. H. He enlisted from Greenfield in Co. C, 27th Regiment, and d. in the service at Newbern, N. C., July 6, 1863. His widow md. (2d) Charles W. Lane, *q. v.*
 - 9 i. *Effie L.*, b. June 20, 1854; md. Charles A. Billings, *q. v.*
 - 10 ii. *Fremont R.*, b. Sept. 7, 1855; md. Oct. 24, 1878, Abbie E. Mather, dau. of James P. and Lucinda (Hadley) Mather; resides at Lane Village.
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- 11 JOSEPH PACKARD, who resided in this town from 1856 to 1876, was a son of Joseph Packard of Jamaica, Vt., and a grandson of Robert and Elizabeth (Hudson) Packard of Westmoreland. He md. Asenath Howe; removed to Winchester, N. H., where he now resides.
 - 12 i. *Mary*, b. —; md. Hosea Esty of Winchendon.
 - 13 ii. *Melinda O.*, b. —; md. — Dudley of Warwick.
 - 14 iii. *Andrew J.*, b. —; resides in Warwick.
 - 15 iv. *Albert D.*, b. —; md. Esther Bourne; resides on the Oren Willard farm.

- 1 **THOMAS PARK**, then of Ashburnham, md. 1779, Abigail Wilder of Lancaster. He was the first in this town to engage in the business of fulling and dressing cloth, and associated with him, or succeeding him for a short time, was Elisha Park. The name disappears from the records about 1800. The fulling mill was taxed to Elisha Park, 1799, and subsequently to Fitch Crosby. Six children of Thomas and Abigail Park were born in this town.
 - 2 i. *Debbe*, b. Nov. 11, 1779.
 - 3 ii. *Elizabeth*, b. June 16, 1782.
 - 4 iii. *Thomas*, b. Feb. 26, 1785
 - 5 iv. *Daniel*, b. Nov. 5, 1787.
 - 6 v. *Caleb*, b. Nov. 8, 1790.
 - 7 vi. *Susa*, b. Feb. 9, 1793.
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PARKER.

NATHAN PARKER, a representative of the Andover family of Parker, was b. in Andover about 1710. He was probably a son of John and a grandson of Nathan, an early settler of Andover. He md. June 26, 1735, Hannah Stevens of Andover, and among their children was John Parker, b. May 19, 1742. He md. Feb. 7, 1771, Abigail Osgood, b. in Andover, dau. of Josiah and Hannah (Kittredge) Osgood and a sister of Col. Benjamin Osgood of Westford. Soon after marriage he removed to Westford, where he d. Dec. 15, 1814; his widow d. June 21, 1820. He was a soldier in the Revolution and was subsequently styled Lieut. John Parker. His daughter Betsey was the wife of Jonathan Bancroft, *q. v.*, and his son, Jacob Osgood Parker, b. in Westford Aug. 19, 1786, md. June 8, 1811, Rachel Reed, b. Aug. 19, 1790, dau. of Amos and Rachel (Prescott) Reed of Westford. He was a merchant in Westford, where he d. March, 1822.

- 1 **JESSE PARKER**, son of Jacob Osgood and Rachel (Reed) Parker, was b. in Westford June 16, 1816. His father d. when he was between five and six years of age and he came to this town in 1831. He md. Dec. 6, 1838, Elizabeth Gates, dau. of William Gates, *q. v.* She d. April 8, 1885. He is a chair maker, and has served the town as assessor and selectman.
- 2 i. *Ellen*, b. Aug. 22, 1839; d. July 15, 1840.
- 3 ii. *Walter Osgood*, b. May 1, 1841. Capt. Walter O. Parker served three years in the Civil War in the 34th Regiment and has been an officer of Co. E or Rice Guards eight years. *Vide* page 439. He is a merchant in Central Village, in firm of Parker Bros. In 1883 he was a representative and has honorably filled other positions of trust. He md. Aug. 23, 1866, Josie M. Whitney, dau. of Hon. Ohio Whitney, *q. v.*

- 4 III. *Alden Wright*, b. May 29, 1843; md —, 1873,
Isabel L. Lynne of Covington, Ky. They
reside in Akron, Ohio.
- 5 IV. *Frank Hannibal*, b. Feb. 6, 1854; md. Florence
O. Merriam, dau. of Philip R. Merriman, Jr.,
q. v. He is a merchant in firm of Parker Bros.
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- 6 NATHANIEL PARKER came to Ashburnham about 1772.
His wife Lydia d. May 8, 1776, "aged 30 to 40 years."
He md. (2d) Nov. 19, 1776, Hannah Wetherbee. His
name is on the roll of Capt. Gates' company 1775. He
was occasionally elected to office, and incidentally men-
tioned in the records until 1783. His name is not found
in a tax list of 1787.
- 7 I. *Lydia*, b. —; md 1795, Joshua Holden, q. v.
- 8 II. *Caleb*, b. —.
- 9 III. *Betty*, b. —. First three bap. 1776.
- 10 IV. *Lucy*, b. May 27, 1773.
- 11 V. *Emerson*, b. June 11, 1779.
- 12 VI. *Joel*, b. April 22, 1781.
- 13 VII. *Hannah*, b. Feb. 17, 1783.
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- 14 GEO. G. PARKER, Esq., b. May 10, 1800, was an able
lawyer in this town from 1831 until his death, Dec. 14,
1852. *Vide* page 473. He md. Dec. 26, 1836, Hannah
(Hawkins) Woods, widow of Rev. Joseph W. Woods;
she d. in Andover, 1881.
- 15 I. *George H.*, b. Oct. 11, 1838; md. Oct. 8, 1868,
Elizabeth Sawyer Mahon, who d. June 14, 1885.
- 16 II. *Harriette T.*, b. April 14, 1844; md. June 13,
1865, Rev. Asher H. Wilcox of Norwich,
Conn.; now residing in Norwich Town, near
New London, Conn.

PEIRCE.

The orthography of Pierce and Peirce is a perplexing problem. In the preceding pages the records have been followed and the name occurs in both forms. The two families appearing in the following register were not related. It is probable that both of them, following the general usage of their ancestors, wrote their names Peirce.

THOMAS PEIRCE and wife Elizabeth were in Charlestown 1635. He was b. 1583 and d. in Charlestown Oct. 7, 1666. His will was dated Nov. 6, 1665, and probated in March, 1667. His wife survived him. His son, Thomas Peirce, b. about 1620, settled in Woburn as early as 1643; he md. Elizabeth Cole, dau. of Rice Cole of Charlestown. He was a selectman and prominent in the affairs of Woburn, and was styled "Sargent Thomas Peirce." He d. Nov. 6, 1683; his widow d. March 5, 1687-8. Among their children was Benjamin Peirce, not named by Dr. Savage nor included in list of children

in Sewall's Woburn. He md. Mary Read, dau. of Ralph and Mary (Peirce) Read and a granddau. of Anthony Peirce of Watertown. Among their children was Thomas Peirce. He md. Nov. 5, 1722, Hannah Locke, b. July 11, 1701, dau. of James and Sarah (Cutter) Locke of Woburn. He resided in Leicester and later in Hopkinton, where his wife d.; he md. (2d) Jan. 24, 1743, Lydia Gibbs, and resided in Framingham where he d. 1768. Benjamin Peirce, son of Thomas and Hannah (Locke) Peirce, b. about 1728, md. May 7, 1752, Mary Lamson, b. May 11, 1731, dau. of John Lamson of Weston. He removed to Weston where his ten children were born. Of these, three have resided in Ashburnham.

1 AMOS PEIRCE, son of Benjamin and Mary (Lamson) Peirce, was b. in Weston Aug. 5, 1760. He served six weeks in Rhode Island in the war of the Revolution, and about 1785 he settled in this town in the eighth school district. The farm is known as the Amos Peirce place. He md. March 3, 1789, Hepsibah Smith, b. Oct. 13, 1761, dau. of James and Lucy (Stearns) Smith. He was a selectman and was frequently chosen to other positions in town affairs. He d. Nov. 27, 1834; she d. Jan. 13, 1856.

- 2 I. *Hepsibah*, b. June 8, 1791; d. unmd.
- 3 II. *Amos*, b. Aug. 1, 1794; d. unmd. July 18, 1849.
He was a farmer and a substantial citizen.
Vide list of town officers.
- 4 III. *Lucy*, b. April 8, 1798; d. Oct. 24, 1814.
- 5 IV. *James*, b. Aug. 20, 1801; resided in Berlin; md.
April 7, 1835, Martha W. Warren. He d. Dec.
30, 1872.

6 ASA PEIRCE, brother of Amos, b. in Weston Sept. 21, 1766, md. Oct. 24, 1800, Susannah Willard, dau. of Dea. John Willard, *q. v.* In the autumn of 1806 they removed, with three children, to Mt. Holly, Vt., where he d. soon after 1836; she d. May 28, 1808.

- 7 I. *Martin*, b. Nov. 20, 1801.
- 8 II. *Mason* (twin), b. Nov. 20, 1801.
- 9 III. *Osborn*, b. Dec. 18, 1803.
- 10 IV. *Elijah Willard*, b. Sept. 28, 1806; md. 1831,
Betsey Warner of Mt. Holly.

11 CALEB PEIRCE, a brother of Amos and Asa Peirce, b. in Weston Feb. 27, 1763, was taxed in this town 1787. No tax lists for a few preceding and subsequent years are preserved. When he removed from town is uncertain. He md. 1787, Nabby Felton.

PEIRCE.

JOHN PEIRCE, a weaver from the county of Norfolk, England, settled in Watertown in 1637. He was admitted freeman 1638 and d. Aug. 19, 1661; his wife Elizabeth survived him. His son, Anthony Peirce, b. in England 1609, was in Watertown before the arrival of his father, John Peirce. He was admitted freeman Sept. 3, 1634; he was twice married and d. May 9, 1678. Daniel Peirce, the fifth child of Anthony Peirce, b. Jan. 1, 1639-40, md. Elizabeth — and settled in Groton, where five of his nine children were born. In 1681 he returned to Watertown where he d. 1723. Ephraim Peirce, son of Daniel, b. Oct. 15, 1673, md. Mary Whitney, b. July 1, 1675, dau. of Joshua Whitney of Groton and Watertown. He was one of the early settlers of Lunenburg where he was a selectman 1728. He d. Feb. 27, 1740; his widow d. Dec. 29, 1749. Their third child and eldest son was Ephraim Peirce, b. Nov. 12, 1700; md. Oct. 30, 1721, Esther Shedd, b. March 21, 1704, dau. of Samuel Shedd; she d. June 28, 1768; he md. (2d) Huldah (Martyn) Wetherbee, dau. of Thomas Martyn and widow of Hezekiah Wetherbee. He was a deacon and a prominent citizen of Lunenburg where he d. 1781. Oliver Peirce, son of Ephraim and Esther (Shedd) Peirce, b. July 17, 1741, md. May 19, 1768, Mary Smith, b. 1751. He was a farmer in Lunenburg where he d. March 6, 1815; his widow d. 1827. Of their seven children, the fifth child and fourth son was Nathaniel Peirce, b. Oct. 8, 1778, for many years a physician in Ashburnham. John Peirce, a brother of Dr. Nathaniel, was b. Sept. 18, 1787; md. Nov. 28, 1816, Esther Smith, who d. March 10, 1830; md. (2d) July 13, 1831, Sarah T. Smith, who d. May 27, 1860. He was a farmer in Lunenburg where he d. Nov. 12, 1867. Nathaniel Peirce, a resident of this town, is a son of John and Esther (Smith) Peirce.

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- 1 DR. NATHANIEL PEIRCE, b. in Lunenburg Oct. 8, 1778, d. in Ashburnham Sept. 3, 1862. *Vide* page 468. He md. Jan. 11, 1807, Judith Kendall, who was b. June 21, 1778; d. Aug. 27, 1828; md. (2d) April 18, 1832, Zebiah G. Smallpeace; she was b. Dec. 26, 1785; d. June 2, 1843; md. (3d) Oct. 16, 1844, Visa (Clark) Knight, b. April 4, 1791, d. Feb. 13, 1883.

- 2 i. *Joseph B.*, b. June 9, 1809; d. March 6, 1818.

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- 3 NATHANIEL PEIRCE, son of John and Esther (Smith) Peirce, was b. in Lunenburg March 20, 1824. At the age of eight years he came to this town and lived with Dr. Nathaniel Peirce, his uncle, whose estate was bequeathed to him. He md. Sept. 23, 1874, Melinda C. Willard, dau. of John Willard, *q. v.*

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- 1 JOSEPH PERRY, wife Mary and four children removed from Medway 1765. His name appears on the roll of Capt. Davis company of minute-men, but soon after that date no subsequent mention of the name appears on the records except the marriage of a dau.

- 2 i. *Joseph*, b. —.

- 3 ii. *Mary*, b. —.

- 4 III. *Abigail*, b. —.
- 5 IV. *Anna*, b. —; md John Holden. *q. v.*
- 6 V. *Hannah*, b. Nov. 15, 1767.
- 7 VI. *Levi*, b. Feb. 24, 1770.
- 8 VII. *Dolly*, b. June 8, 1772.
- 9 VIII. *Simeon*, b. April 20, 1774.
- 10 IX. *Sally*, b. Feb. 18, 1776.

1 JOHN PETTS, lineage not traced, md. in this town Nov. 22, 1794, Relief Pollard, dau. of William Pollard, *q. v.* He resided a farmer in this town. His wife d. Feb. 17, 1843. His death is not on record and only a fragmentary record of his children has been secured.

- 2 I. *John*, b. March 19, 1795.+
- 3 II. *Relief*, b. May 8, 1796; md James Billings, *q. v.*
- 4 III. *Abel*, b. —.
- 5 IV. *Mary*, b. —; md. Joshua Turner; resided in Cambridgeport.
- 6 V. *Lucy*, b. —; md. James Gibson. He d. in Leominster; she d. in Charlestown.
- 7 VI. *Nancy Maria*, b. —; md. John A. Conn, *q. v.*
- 8 VII. *Harriet*, b. —; md. Horace Black, *q. v.*
- 9 VIII. *Horace*, b. —.
- 10 IX. *Joseph*, b. —.

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- (2) DR. JOHN PETTS for many years was an able and successful physician at Nichols, N. Y. He retired from practice and removed to Ashburnham 1844. During the waning years of a prolonged and useful life, he had a home with his children in Springfield, Ohio, where he d. Jan. 1, 1887. He md. in Surry, N. H., Jan. 11, 1825, Phebe Howe, dau. of Rev. Perley and Lemiah (Barnes) Howe. She d. April 23, 1877.

- 11 I. *Sarah B.*, b. 1827; md. Edwin L. Barrett, son of Samuel Barrett, *q. v.*
- 12 II. *Eliza H.*, b. 1829; d. 1847.
- 13 III. *Charles H.*, b. 1831; md. 1862, Emily Clark, dau. of Hon. Oliver Clark. He d. in Boston 1866.
- 14 IV. *Maria J.*, b. June 5, 1837; md. Charles E. Sawyer, son of Edward Sawyer, *q. v.*
- 15 V. *Quincy A.*, b. April 25, 1841; md. Oct. 21, 1863, Lavinia Grant, dau. of William and Nancy M. Grant. He removed from Ashburnham to Kansas in 1857 and to Springfield, Ohio, in 1860. In the war of the Rebellion he served in the Second Ohio Regiment. He was associate

editor of the *Springfield Republic* 1864-71, and editor of the *Mechanical News* 1871-5. He was auditor of Clark county, Ohio, 1875-81, and is now editor of the *Mechanical News* of New York, with a residence in Jersey City.

PHILLIPS.

SETH PHILLIPS, son of Blaney and Christian (Wadsworth) Phillips, was b. in Pembroke, now Hanson, in Plymouth county, about 1750. He was one of the minute-men at the Lexington alarm, and was subsequently a lieutenant in the Revolutionary army. About 1780, he md. Betty Hamlin, a sister of the father of Hon. Hannibal Hamlin, and removed to Fitchburg. Of their children Samuel, Asia, John and Lydia, the wife of Jacob Fairbanks, were residents of this town.

- 1 SAMUEL PHILLIPS, son of Seth and Betty (Hamlin) Phillips, b. in Fitchburg Sept. 11, 1781. He md. Nov. 3, 1803, Sally Thurston, b. April 5, 1788, dau. of Dea. John and Esther (Wood) Thurston. In 1804 he purchased the Wilder farm and removed to this town. This farm had been owned by Samuel Wilder, Esq., between thirty and forty years. It was here that Rev. John Cushing lived in the family of Mr. Wilder, until he began housekeeping on the old common. It is a pleasant homestead, commanding an extensive view of the surrounding country. The widow retained her dower in the homestead and occupied a portion of the dwelling and extensive farm. On this farm Samuel Phillips resided until 1820, when he sold to his brothers Asia and John, and removed to Fitchburg. He d. in Worcester 1842; his widow d. 1848. Two children were born in this town.

- 2 I. Ivers, b. July 28, 1805. +
- 3 II. Sally, b. July 29, 1811; md. Charles Russell, son of Thomas Russell, q. v.

- (2) COL. IVERS PHILLIPS, the only son of Samuel and Sally (Thurston) Phillips, was b. in Ashburnham July 28, 1805. After a brief tuition in the public schools of Ashburnham and of Fitchburg he was early enlisted in the activities of an eventful and successful career. For many years he resided in Fitchburg and later in Worcester. At the age of twenty-eight years he was appointed a deputy sheriff and a coroner. The former office he resigned in 1850 and the latter in 1856. To the railroad interests of Worcester county he was allied for many years, and to his energy and prudent counsels these corporations were indebted. He was an early advocate of the Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad and an early director of the corporation.



Amos Phillips

At the organization of the Fitchburg and Worcester Railroad he was chosen a director, and was the second president of the board, succeeding Dr. Charles W. Wilder of Leominster, another native of this town. Subsequently he was a director and president of the Agricultural Railroad,



THE WILDER HOMESTEAD AND BIRTHPLACE OF COL. IVERS PHILLIPS.

now a part of the Old Colony, and also of the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad, now operated by the Fitchburg Railroad. In these positions he was continuously employed about thirty years. In 1853 he was a member

of the Massachusetts Senate, and from 1862 to 1869 he was Collector of Internal Revenue of the Eighth Massachusetts district.

In military affairs Col. Phillips was an enthusiast and won honors at an early age. In 1827 he was commissioned a lieutenant. His promotion was rapid. In 1834, under a radical revision of the militia law, the officers were discharged. At this time he was colonel of the regiment. On account of the sickness of Col. Lincoln he first commanded the regiment in 1831, when holding the commission of lieutenant-colonel. Under the amended militia system of the State, the Volunteer companies in the northern towns of Worcester county constituted a regiment. He was then commissioned colonel of the new organization. Declining promotion he resigned May 26, 1835, having been an officer eight years, and not yet thirty years of age.

In the midst of these employments, Col. Phillips has been engaged in many business enterprises and has been prominent in the direction of several business and monetary organizations. In positions of trust and in business affairs, in an eminent degree, he has secured the confidence and respect of his associates.

In 1873 he removed to Boulder, Colorado, and is now a director of several railroads in that State.

Col. Phillips md. in Fitchburg Nov. 13, 1828, Rebecca Carter, b. in Leominster Feb. 13, 1803, dau. of Thomas Carter. She d. July 2, 1867; he md. (2d) Jan. 19, 1869, Abbie Rebecca (Richardson) Haines, dau. of Dr. Sewell Richardson of Leominster.

- 4 i. *Mary Ann*, b. Sept. 24, 1829.
- 5 ii. *Ivers Carter*, b. July 9, 1831; md. Dec. 31, 1853,
Harriet Frances Walker of Goffstown, N. H.
He d. March 5, 1877.
- 6 iii. *Harriet Rebecca*, b. July 6, 1833; md. Nov. 29,
1855, Edwin D. Works, son of Daniel Works
of Fitchburg; she d. Feb. 27, 1878.
- 7 iv. *Sarah Thurston*, b. April 22, 1836; md. April 22,
1857, Gardner P. Wood of Temple, N. H.;
she d. Nov. 26, 1872.
- 8 v. *Abbie Louisa*, b. Nov. 20, 1839; md. May 24,
1871, Albert B. Lawrence, son of Daniel B.
Lawrence of Brimfield. He is manager and
partner of the hardware house of A. B. Law-
rence & Co., Fitchburg.

- 9 ASIA PHILLIPS, a brother of Samuel Phillips, resided in
this town from 1812 to about 1830. He was a member

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of the Ashburnham Light Infantry and was in the service at Boston Harbor in the War of 1812. He md. 1820, Sally S. Dwelly, dau. of Dr. Melzer and Sally (Smith) Dwelly and a granddau. of Joshua Smith, Esq., *q. v.* Their children d. in infancy.

- 10 JOHN PHILLIPS, brother of Samuel and Asia Phillips, returned to Fitchburg after a brief residence in this town. Subsequently he removed to Northampton.

PIPER.

JONATHAN PIPER, wife Elizabeth and two children removed from Acton to Ashby in April, 1783. Eight children were b. in Ashby. Among these was Philip Piper, b. July 12, 1785. He md. 1810, Rhoda Richardson and lived in Ashby. He d. April 10, 1858; she d. Sept. 14, 1874.

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| 1 | JONATHAN HUBBARD PIPER, son of Philip and Rhoda (Richardson) Piper, was b. in Ashby Feb. 26, 1816. He came to the South Village to learn the trade of chair maker in 1834, and resided in this town until 1870 when he removed to Fitchburg. For several years he was engaged in the manufacture of chairs in the firm of Flint, Piper & Blodgett. He md. June 29, 1836, Caroline Burgess, dau. of Joshua B. Burgess, <i>q. v.</i> She d., leaving three children, May 23, 1847. He md. (2d) March 28, 1848, S. Elizabeth Jones, b. in Lunenburg Feb. 11, 1828, dau. of Major Ephraim and Jemima (Barrett) Jones. |
| 2 | i. <i>Alfred</i> , b. Jan. 15, 1838. |
| 3 | ii. <i>Fannie E.</i> , b. Dec. 27, 1843. |
| 4 | iii. <i>Hobart W.</i> , b. June 17, 1845; he served two enlistments in the War of the Rebellion. |
| 5 | iv. <i>Carrie Lizzie</i> , b. June 9, 1852; d. Aug. 30, 1853. |
| 6 | v. <i>Nettie Lizzie</i> , b. July 15, 1855. |

PLATTS.

ABEL PLATTS, the first settler of Rindge, and a prominent character in the annals of that town, was a son of Moses Platts and a grandson of Lieut. Abel Platts of Rowley, who was an officer in the Expedition to Canada, 1690. Abel Platts of Rindge was b. in Rowley Feb. 6, 1703. He md. April 21, 1725, Mary Varnum, and removed to Lunenburg 1738. At this time he began a clearing in Rindge, and for several years he resided in Lunenburg and in Rindge until the Indian alarms were quieted. In 1751 he settled permanently upon the clearing he had made in the forest. He d. July 23, 1777. Ensign Joseph Platts, his son, was b. in Rowley 1726, and was the companion of his father in his early labors in Rindge. He md. Nov. 16, 1752, Deborah Page, b. April 11, 1733, dau. of Joseph and Deborah (Gould) Page. He d. in Rindge Aug. 25, 1817. His son, Capt. Joseph Platts, b. in Rindge 1755, md. March 24, 1778, Abigail Sawtell, b. June 27, 1758, dau. of Jonathan and Mary (Holden) Sawtell of Rindge. He d. March 29, 1799.

John Varnum Platts, son of Capt. Joseph Platts, b. April 22, 1786, also resided in Rindge. He md. May 2, 1811, Maria Demary, b. 1791, dau. of Ezekiel and Maria (Parker) Demary. He d. May 6, 1839; she d. Feb. 4, 1834. These are the parents of John Varnum Platts of Ashburnham.

1 JOHN VARNUM PLATTS, son of John Varnum and Maria (Demary) Platts, was b. in Rindge March 10, 1813. He md. 1840, Louisa D. Bill of Gilsuam, N. H., and removed to this town 1849. He was superintendent of the almshouse several years, and is now a farmer. His wife d. Jan. 20, 1872; he md. (2d) June, 1872, Augusta Whitcomb of Winchendon.

2 I. Maria A., b. Nov. 19, 1841; md. Orange E. Howe, *q. v.*

3 II. Irving E., b. Feb. 4, 1845; md. Aug. 2, 1868, Ellen M. Lynde, b. in Westminster July 1, 1849, dau. of John and Lucy Lynde. He is a manufacturer of chairs at South Village.

4 III. Jerome A., b. Jan. 25, 1851; resides unmd. in this town.

1 WILLIAM POLLARD with a family removed to this town in 1770 or 1771. He md. about 1760, Hannah Whitcomb of Harvard. He was a respected citizen and was frequently chosen to positions of trust. Five children were born in this town. It is possible that of the children born previous to 1771 all are not named in this register. He d. May 10, 1808; she d. Feb. 27, 1828.

2 I. Sarah, b. 1762; d. Oct. 17, 1778.

3 II. Kezia, b. —; md. Capt. Daniel Putnam, *q. v.*

4 III. Hannah, b. —; md. 1794, Joseph Howard of Westminster.

5 IV. Achsah, b. Aug. 29, 1771; md. Stephen Bemis, *q. v.*

6 V. William, b. April 1, 1773.

7 VI. Relief, b. June 2, 1775; md. John Petts, *q. v.*

8 VII. Molly, b. Feb. 17, 1777; md. Joshua Billings, Jr.

9 VIII. Jonas, b. March 5, 1779.

10 WILLIAM POLLARD, not a relative of William Pollard (No. 1), md. April 20, 1819, Lucy Davis, dau. of Amos Davis, *q. v.* He was a farmer in this town until 1848, when he removed to Rindge. He d. July 17, 1872; his wife d. Feb. 14, 1867.

11 I. Almira Griffin, b. July 17, 1820; md. Lemuel Whitney, *q. v.*

- 12 II. *Lucy Spaulding*, b. Sept. 25, 1822; md. Leonard Lane, q. v.
- 13 III. *Sally Davis*, b. March 7, 1828; d. Nov. 25, 1833.
- 14 IV. *Susan Abigail*, b. Dec. 25, 1831.
- 15 V. *William H.*, b. Aug. 20, 1837.
- 16 VI. *Ivers E.*, b. Oct 10, 1842.

- 1 JACOB POLLEY md. Desire Flint, and removed to the southeast part of the town about 1785. He was a prominent character in the effort to secure the incorporation of a new town, including a part of Ashburnham, Westminster, Fitchburg and Ashby. About 1816, he removed to Acworth, N. H. Nine children were b. in this town.
- 2 I. *Peter*, b. May 14, 1786; d. Aug. 23, 1806.
- 3 II. *Amos*, b. Feb. 6, 1788.
- 4 III. *Dorcas*, b. Nov. 26, 1789; md. Reuben Rice, Jr., q. v.
- 5 IV. *Jacob*, b. Jan. 25, 1792; md. Lois Gibson of Ashby.
- 6 V. *Desire*, b. May 9, 1794.
- 7 VI. *Gertrude*, b. Dec. 22, 1796; md. Moses Cushing, q. v.
- 8 VII. *David*, b. Nov. 22, 1798.
- 9 VIII. *Flint*, b. Sept 20, 1801.
- 10 IX. *Mary Graves*, b. Oct. 7, 1804.

- 1 HARTFORD POTTER, son of Bennett Potter, was b. in Walpole. N. H., Dec. 21, 1811. He md. Nov. 14, 1837, Thurza M. Marvin; md. (2d) May 7, 1865, Abigail (Stone) Whitney, widow of Stephen P. Whitney. He resided in Templeton several years, and removed to this town in 1866. He owns and occupies the Perley Howe farm, near South Village.
- 2 I. *Henry M.*, b. Aug. 26, 1838; he is a merchant in Newark, N. J.
- 3 II. *Hester A. R.*, b. June 17, 1844; md. William H. White of Grafton.
- 4 III. *Frederick H.*, b. Feb. 20, 1849; md. Sept. 28, 1869, Ellen S. Winship (Munroe 15); he d. Oct. 27, 1869.
- 5 IV. *Florence M.*, b. June 24, 1866.

PRATT.

EPHRAIM PRATT is found in Shrewsbury as early as 1724. Concerning the date of his birth and consequently of his age at his decease there has been a difference of opinion. It is claimed with a reasonable measure of

assurance that he was a son of Ephraim and Elizabeth Pratt of Sudbury and a grandson of Joshua Pratt, b. in England 1598, and of Plymouth 1628, and that he was b. in Sudbury Nov. 30, 1704. In other accounts it has been asserted that he was b. Nov. 13, 1687. He d. in Shutesbury in May, 1804. His age consequently was 99 years and 6 months, or 116 years and 6 months. He. md. July 9, 1724, Martha Wheelock, b. 1698, dau. of Samuel and Lydia Wheelock of Marlboro', and later of Shrewsbury. Among their eight children was Ephraim Pratt, Jr., b. Feb. 7, 1728. He md. in Shrewsbury Oct. 10, 1762, Abiah Leland. About 1774 he removed to Westminster and, subsequently, at the incorporation of Gardner, his house was included within the limits of that town, and the farm was divided by the town line. He d. July 23, 1815; his wife d. Oct. 25, 1813. Their nine children were b. in Shrewsbury. Of these the youngest was Aaron Pratt, b. Feb. 12, 1771. He md. Betsey Warren and resided in Gardner where his eight children were b. and where he d. July 15, 1812; his widow d. Sept. 3, 1831. William Pratt, son of Aaron and Betsey (Warren) Pratt, resided some years in this town. John Pratt, brother of William, b. in Gardner Aug. 2, 1804, md. Feb. 28, 1840, Eliza French, dau. of Joel French, *q. v.* He resided a short time in Marlboro', N. H., where he was an innholder. Subsequently he removed to Weathersfield, Vt., and was there a prominent citizen. He d. —; his wife d. Feb. 28, 1840. Capt. Charles H. Pratt, who md. a daughter of George G. Samson, is a son of Russell Pratt of Westminster, a younger son of Aaron and Betsey (Warren) Pratt.

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| 1 | WILLIAM PRATT, b. in Gardner Jan. 2, 1811, son of Aaron and Betsey (Warren) Pratt, md. — Sarah Matthews and removed to this town about 1844. He d. Nov. 30, 1850; his wife d. Oct. 15, 1850. |
| 2 | I. Aaron, b. 1831; md. 1857, Mary W. Morton, dau. of John D. Morton, <i>q. v.</i> He d. June 19, 1867. |
| 3 | II. Otis, b. —; md. 1855, Mary E. Bixby, dau. of Joel R. Bixby, <i>q. v.</i> ; d. May 9, 1880. |
| 4 | III. Sarah, b. March 23, 1836; d. Sept. 3, 1850. |
| 5 | IV. Joel, b. —; md. Abbie Brooks of Westminster; lives in Leominster. |
| 6 | V. William, b. 1843; md. Jan. 3, 1864, Julia Newell of Springfield; lives in Gardner. |
| 7 | VI. Eliza, b. Nov. 8, 1845; md. 1867, Benjamin Brown of Gardner. |
| 8 | VII. Walter, b. Feb. 28, 1846; md. 1871, Anna Wright of Gardner; lives in Gardner. |
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| 9 | JOHN M. PRATT, son of John and Eliza (French) Pratt, was b. in Weathersfield, Vt., Dec. 1, 1828. He md. Sept. 15, 1854, Sarah F. Ward, dau. of Silas Ward, <i>q. v.</i> , and has resided since his marriage in the South Village, where he has been engaged in the manufacture of baskets. He has been a Selectman and Overseer of the Poor several years. |
| 10 | I. Herbert A., b. March 28, 1867. |

1 CLARENCE M. PROCTOR, son of William and Betsey
(Thompson) Proctor, was b. in Andover, N. H., Oct. 23,
1816. He removed to this town in 1840 and was an
officer in the Ashburnham Light Infantry. He md. Nov.
9, 1842, Mary S. Dexter who d. —; md. (2d) June
6, 1855, Armina A. Proctor of Franklin, N. H.

2 I. *Clarence D.*, b. Aug. 27, 1843; md. Nov. 25,
1869, Hattie A. Sylvester, b. Dec. 26, 1843;
d. Sept. 10, 1875. He is a farmer in this town.

3 II. *Murray W.*, b. Dec. 31, 1845; d. Aug. 7, 1847.

4 III. *Evelyn M.*, b. July 30, 1848; d. June 12, 1877.

5 IV. *Betsey J.*, b. Dec. 12, 1851; d. Aug. 26, 1853.

1 REUBEN PUFFER, son of Jacob and Hannah (Haynes)
Puffer, was b. in Ashby Aug. 14, 1810. He has resided
in this town with little interruption during the past fifty
years. He is a contractor and builder and is engaged in
the manufacture of sash and blinds. He md. Nov. 27,
1834, Martha Piper who d. Nov. 13, 1848; he md. (2d)
June 2, 1849, Esther Aldrich; she d. Dec. 6, 1883.

2 I. *Charles Henry*, b. Jan. 1, 1836; md. 1855, Lois
I. Goodwin, dau. of Matthew E. Goodwin, *q. v.*
He was a veteran of the 21st Regiment; died in
the service May 1, 1864; she md. (2d) Alvaro
Foster.

3 II. *George F.*, b. March 24, 1838; md. Feb. 22,
1864, Lois M. Burgess, dau. of Ivers Burgess,
q. v. He was a veteran of the 21st Regiment;
he d. in Lynn Oct. 22, 1866.

4 III. *Eugene A.*, b. Jan. 26, 1840; md. May 14, 1868,
Mary A. Dalrymple, b. in Gardner March 8,
1844, dau. of John Dalrymple. He served in
the 21st Regiment and was discharged on
account of wounds March 27, 1863.

5 IV. *Helen M.*, b. May 17, 1842; md. George E. Davis,
son of George Davis, *q. v.*

6 V. *Sarah E.*, b. July 25, 1844; md. Orlando Vaughn
of Fitchburg.

7 VI. *Abbie M.*, b. April 26, 1846; d. unmd. Sept. 3,
1882.

8 VII. *Reuben A.*, b. Sept. 11, 1851; md. Sarah Shep-
herd; resides in Worcester.

9 VIII. *Martha A.*, b. April 24, 1854; md. J. Quincy
Willard, son of Merrick Willard, *q. v.*

10 IX. *Franklin E.*, b. Sept. 25, 1857; d. Sept. 2, 1858.

11 X. *Lillie F.*, b. June 9, 1861; d. Sept. 14, 1862.

12 XI. *Walter O.*, b. June 11, 1865.

PUTNAM.

The lineage of John, Nathan and Capt. Daniel Putnam, once residents of this town, has not been traced. They were brothers and sons of John Putnam of Danvers and Framingham. Salmon W. Putnam, No. 7 in the following register, was of the seventh generation of his family in America. The emigrant ancestor was John Putnam from Aston Abbott, near Aylesbury, in the county of Bucks, England. With wife Priscilla and sons, Thomas, Nathaniel and John, he settled in Salem 1634. John, the father, d. Dec. 30, 1662. Thomas, the eldest son, b. in England probably in 1610, resided a few years in Lynn, but returned to Salem where he d. May 5, 1686. He md. Oct. 17, 1643, Ann Holyoke, dau. of Edward Holyoke; md. (2d) the widow of Nathaniel Veren. Joseph Putnam, a son of the second marriage, was the father of Gen. Israel Putnam. Dea. Edward Putnam, a son of the first wife, b. 1654, md. June 4, 1681, Mary Holten and resided in a part of Salem now in Danvers. He d. 1747. Elisha Putnam, son of Dea. Edward, b. Nov. 3, 1685, md. Susannah Fuller, dau. of Jonathan Fuller of Danvers and removed to Sutton where he d. 1745; his widow md. (2d) Capt. John Sadler of Upton. Of the children of Elisha and Susanna (Fuller) Putnam, were Col. Rufus Putnam of Revolutionary fame and John Putnam who was b. in Sutton.

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| 1 | JOHN PUTNAM md. in Marlboro' 1771, Molly Baker, b. in Marlboro' Aug. 20, 1747, dau. of Robert Baker. In 1775 they removed to Ashburnham and his name is on the roll of Capt. Davis company of minute-men. He was here in 1779 but removed soon after that date to Chester, Vt. |
| 2 | I. <i>Jesse</i> , b. July 31, 1772. |
| 3 | II. <i>Robert</i> , b. June 25, 1774. |
| 4 | III. <i>Infant</i> , b. 1776; d. Oct. 3, 1778. |
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| 5 | NATHAN PUTNAM, a brother of John and Capt. Daniel, was here while John remained. The name of his wife was Dorothy. He removed to Stow. |
| 6 | I. <i>Daniel</i> , bap. July 16, 1775; d. Sept. 23, 1777. |
| 7 | II. <i>Dolly</i> , bap. May 18, 1777. |
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| 8 | CAPT. DANIEL PUTNAM, b. in Sudbury Sept. 25, 1755, son of John Putnam, came to Ashburnham in 1774 or 1775. He served one enlistment in Capt. Sawyer's company in Col. Dike's regiment in 1776, and possibly rendered other service. After the war he was a captain of the militia and a prominent man in business affairs. He bought and sold land in this and the surrounding towns, and his familiar name appears frequently in the records of his time. He md. March 18, 1777, Elizabeth Locke, dau. of John Locke or Overlack, <i>q. v.</i> ; she d. Aug. 8, 1776; he md. (2d) Nov. 29, 1787, Kezia Pollard, dau. of William Pollard, <i>q. v.</i> In 1798 he removed to Winchen-lon, and in 1810 to Windham, Vt., where he d. |
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Oct. 21, 1819. So far as known there were seventeen children but no record has been found. Levi, the third of the five children of the first wife, d. June 3, 1796, and Elizabeth d. in infancy. The names of the children were: John, who resided in Williamstown, Daniel, Levi, Jacob, Elizabeth, William, Silas, Jonas, Abel, Mary, Josephine, Laura, Myra, Pliny, Elmira, Resina and Aurilla.

- 9 SALMON W. PUTNAM, son of John and Mary (Hodgskins) Putnam, was b. in Hopkinton Dec. 10, 1815. He came to Ashburnham early in 1837 and for a short time, in connection with his elder brother John Putnam, was engaged in business at Factory Village. Subsequently he lived in Fitchburg. In the establishment of the Putnam Machine Co., in the conduct of an extensive business, his life and labors fill an eventful and an interesting page in the annals of a prosperous city. He occupied with credit many positions of trust, was a director in several monetary institutions and thoroughly identified with the growth and prosperity of the town and the city of Fitchburg. He md. March 10, 1840, Harriet J. Whitney, dau. of Ohio Whitney, *q. v.* He d. Feb. 23, 1872. Nine children. The sons have succeeded to the general management of the corporation and have frequently been elected to positions in municipal affairs.
- 10 i. *Henry O.*, b. Jan. 4, 1841; md. Sept. 29, 1859, Sarah A. Smith.
- 11 ii. *Salmon W.*, b. Oct. 15, 1843; md. Jan. 22, 1873, Emma J. Park.
- 12 iii. *Charles F.*, b. Aug. 5, 1845; md. Oct. 16, 1872, Coralie J. Lawrence; she d. July 5, 1881.
- 13 iv. *Harriet E.*, b. May 5, 1848; md. Oct. 18, 1871, Loring Sears.
- 14 v. *William D.*, b. Sept. 20, 1851; d. Aug. 19, 1852.
- 15 vi. *George E.*, b. Oct. 14, 1854; an attorney and counsellor-at-law; unmd.
- 16 vii. *Laura J.*, b. Sept. 4, 1856; md. March 30, 1880, Rev. S. J. Stewart; she resides in Fitchburg.
- 17 viii. *Mary Adelaide I.*, b. Oct. 8, 1858; md. Oct. 12, 1882, Edward S. Crocker.
- 18 ix. *Marion M.*, b. Nov. 15, 1861.

RANDALL.

Several families of Randall were among the early settlers of New England. Many problems concerning the relationship of persons whose general history is known, and the line of separation between distinct families remain to be solved. It is, however, more than probable that the Randalls of Stow

were descendants of widow Elizabeth Randall who d. in Watertown Dec. 24, 1672, aged 80. It is certain that Stephen Randall of Ashburnham was of the Stow family. One Stephen Randall was rated in Stow 1688, and it is claimed that he had sons Stephen, Samuel, John and Abraham. It is clear that as yet the Stephen Randall of Ashburnham has not been named. The traditions of the Ashburnham family assert that Stephen of Ashburnham was the son of Stephen and grandson of the Stephen who was rated 1688. In support of the tradition the record of birth is not found, but between 1734 and 1750 seven children of Samuel and Priscilla Randall were b. in Stow. Of these the eldest was Stephen Randall, b. Jan. 31, 1734, and until new discoveries present a denial, the assumption may be regarded with considerable assurance that it is this Stephen Randall whose record is continued in the following register.

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| 1 | STEPHEN RANDALL, then a resident of Stow, md. 1757, Lydia Patch. The intentions were recorded Aug. 1, but no record of the marriage has been found. She d. leaving one daughter, whose descendants are numerous. He md. (2d) in Harvard, but himself a resident of Stow, May 13, 1762, Sarah Fairbanks, b. in Harvard Oct. 27, 1742, dau. of Dea. Phinehas and Sarah Fairbanks and a grand-dau. of Dea. Joseph Fairbanks, q. v. She was a sister to the wife of Daniel Knight, q. v. About 1772 he removed from Stow to Harvard, and in 1780 he removed to this town. He was a substantial citizen and by occupation a farmer. In 1781 he was chosen tithingman which asserts a propriety of deportment and a dignity of manner. In 1782 he was chosen sexton, and by annual election was continued in that solemn office until 1799. In 1808 he removed to Williston, Vt., where he d. April, 1828; Sarah, his wife, d. May 1, 1828. Five children were born in Stow, three in Harvard and three in Ashburnham. |
| 2 | i. Eunice, b. —, 1759; md. March 1, 1781, Levi Fairbanks, b. in Harvard 1755, son of Capt. Joseph and Abigail (Hodgman) Fairbanks, and a brother of Cyrus Fairbanks of Ashburnham. He settled in Westminster and after 1785 lived in Gardner, where he d. 1845. She d. 1851. Eight children and a numerous posterity. Phebe Fairbanks, who md. John Wilker, was a granddau. |
| 3 | ii. Stephen, b. June 20, 1763. + |
| 4 | iii. Phinehas, b. April 21, 1765. + |
| 5 | iv. Ephraim, b. —, 1767. + |
| 6 | v. David, b. Jan. 19, 1771; d. March 18, 1776. |
| 7 | vi. Sarah, b. March 7, 1773; d. May 21, 1776. |
| 8 | vii. Lydia, b. Oct. 2, 1775; md. Nehemiah Hobart, q. v. |
| 9 | viii. Sarah, b. Dec. 23, 1778. |

- 10 ix. *David*, b. April 22, 1781. +
 11 x. *Samuel*, b. Sept. 29, 1784. +
 12 xi. *John*, bap. and d. Oct. 4, 1787.

(8) STEPHEN RANDALL, eldest son of Stephen, was a farmer in Ashburnham until 1806. In 1795 he withdrew from the Congregational church and united with the Methodists. He became an influential member of that young society and was enrolled among the early preachers. Subsequently he preached about eight years in Vermont and finally located at a place now known as Kendall, in Orleans county, New York. He purchased a considerable tract of land, and here he resided until his death April 16, 1828. In the records of Ashburnham there is ample evidence that he was held in high esteem, and both ability and character are reflected in his subsequent career. He md. in Ashburnham Feb. 24, 1785, Mary Rice, b. in Lancaster Jan. 16, 1762, dau. of Zebulon and Susanna (Allen) Rice, *q. v.*; she d. at Barre, N. Y., July 15, 1852. Eight children b. in Ashburnham.

- 13 i. *Stephen*, b. April 5, 1786; d. at Hamlin, N. Y., July 20, 1862.
 14 ii. *Amos*, b. Jan. 3, 1788; md. April 7, 1813, Fanny Tabor. He was a farmer at Kendall, N. Y., where he d. Aug. 22, 1830; his widow d. Dec. 22, 1877. Eight children; among them, Hon. Gideon Randall; Dr. James W. Randall of Albion, N. Y., d. Feb. 14, 1884; Amos S. Randall of Chicago, Ill.
 15 iii. *Polly*, b. Sept. 14, 1789; md. — Cochrane. Their son, Wesley Cochrane, D. D., a retired Methodist clergyman and author.
 16 iv. *Theophilus*, b. Sept. 10, 1791; a successful physician; d. at Hamlin, N. Y., Feb. 20, 1854.
 17 v. *John*, b. 1794; d. March 14, 1795.
 18 vi. *Betsey*, b. Jan. 18, 1796; md. — Sanborn.
 19 vii. *John Wesley*, b. Feb. 22, 1798; md. June 11, 1820, Jane Daniels. He d. at Shabbona, Ill., Jan. 10, 1880; she d. at Chicago Feb. 10, 1868.
 20 viii. *Jesse Lee*, b. March 21, 1804; d. in Pennsylvania March 27, 1832.

(4) PHINEHAS RANDALL md. in Ashburnham Oct. 26, 1786, Sarah Crosby, b. in Billerica Dec. 25, 1763, dau. of Jesse-
 niah and Mary (Hosley) Crosby; she was a sister of the wife of Isaac Stearns. He resided in this town until

1808, and then with his father he removed to Williston, Vt., where he d. in May, 1843; his wife d. Feb., 1843. Nine children were b. in Ashburnham.

- 21 I. *Phinehas*, b. June 5, 1787. +
- 22 II. *Sally*, b. May 22, 1790; d. Jan. 8, 1843.
- 23 III. *Lydia*, b. June 30, 1792; deaf and dumb; was living 1875.
- 24 IV. *Sardis*, b. Jan. 22, 1794; d. March 6, 1795.
- 25 V. *Infant*, b. —; d. March 12, 1797.
- 26 VI. *Infant*, b. and d. July 9, 1798.
- 27 VII. *Lois*, b. Jan. 26, 1800; md. Joseph Pine.
- 28 VIII. *Infant*, b. and d. March 3, 1804.
- 29 IX. *Mary*, b. June 17, 1807; md. David Higgins who d. 1848; md. (2d) — Bristol; she d. in Michigan 1849.

- (5) EPHRAIM RANDALL, son of Stephen, md. Dorothy Davis, dau. of Capt. Deliverance Davis, *q. v.* They resided in this town until 1805, when they removed to Vermont.

- 30 I. *David*, b. March 18, 1789.
- 31 II. *Dolly*, b. —.
- 32 III. *Lucy*, b. —.
- 33 IV. *Sophia*, b. —.
- 34 V. *Infant*, b. and d. Feb. 21, 1798.
- 35 VI. *Infant*, b. —; d. June 29, 1799.
- 36 VII. *Infant*, b. —; d. Nov. 20, 1800.
- 37 VIII. *Infant*, b. —; d. June 2, 1803.

- (10) DAVID RANDALL, son of Stephen, md. Betsey Hastings, dau. of Capt. Charles Hastings, *q. v.* It is not known when or where he d. She md. (2d) Joseph Spaulding, *q. v.*

- 38 I. *Caroline*, b. March 5, 1805; md. Dea. Zenas Allen, *q. v.*

- (11) SAMUEL RANDALL, son of Stephen, md. June 17, 1807, Anner Green, dau. of Oliver Green, *q. v.* He resided some years in Rutland, Vt.; returned to Ashburnham 1828. He was an intelligent man and by occupation a carpenter, wheelwright and a farmer. He d. March 20, 1876; she d. Sept. 10, 1871.

- 39 I. *Adaline*, b. April 30, 1808; md. Matthias Mead. He resided in this town, a blacksmith, at Lane

Village from about 1830 to 1850; subsequently he resided in Lowell, where he was a dealer in stoves and tin ware. He is now living at Clarendon, Vt. She d. Aug. 8, 1871.

40 1. Sarah Adaline, b. Jan. 18, 1833; d. in Lowell 1861.

41 II. *Anner Green*, b. July 21, 1810; md. Dea. William P. Ellis, q. v.

(21) HON. PHINEHAS RANDALL, Middlebury College 1813. *Vide* page 497. He was a member of the New York Legislature 1828-9, and in 1839 was appointed Presiding Judge of Common Pleas, Montgomery county. In 1851 he removed to Waukesha, Wis. He md. 1817, Sarah Beach. They had ten children. He d. June 2, 1853.

42 I. *Alexander W.*, b. Oct. 31, 1819; removed in 1840 to Wisconsin and the same year began the practice of law; member of Constitutional Convention 1847; member of the Legislature 1855; appointed Circuit Judge 1856; Governor of Wisconsin two terms 1857-61; appointed U. S. Minister to Rome 1862; First Assistant Postmaster General 1863; Postmaster General 1869-72. He md. 1842, Mary Van Vechten who d. 1858; md. (2d) 1866, Helen M. Thomas. He d. July 26, 1872.

43 II. *Edwin M.*, b. April 5, 1822; a successful lawyer, admitted to the bar 1843; removed to Wisconsin 1845, and to Jacksonville, Fla., 1867; appointed 1868 Chief Justice of Florida, a position he ably occupied until 1885, when he resigned and resumed the practice of his profession. He md. 1847, Julia A. Mills of Lewis county, N. Y.

44 III. *Esther Amelia*, b. April 30, 1825; md. 1849, Earl Trumbull; he d. 1851; md. (2d) 1860, Harvey E. Williams.

45 IV. *Harriet M.*, b. Sept. 9, 1827; md. 1849, Edward Orr, and d. in Detroit, Mich., four weeks afterward.

46 V. *Otis D.*, b. March 14, 1830; md. 1856, Hattie C. Stout. He is a merchant in Chicago, Ill.

47 VI. *Julia M.*, b. June 23, 1832; md. 1853, John D. Dunn, Esq.; he d. 1869.

48 VII. *Mary J.*, b. July 27, 1835; md. 1856, John K. Russell of Chicago, Ill.

- 49 VIII. *William W.*, b. Nov. 18, 1837; unmd.
 50 IX. *Addison Crosby*, b. June 3, 1840; md. 1866,
 Louisa Butterworth; resides in Minnesota.
 51 X. *Henry M.*, b. Nov. 14, 1842; resides unmd. in
 California.

52 JONAS RANDALL, not immediately connected with the above families, was in Ashburnham from 1802 to 1807. Perhaps he was a son of Abraham Randall of Stow, for Paul Randall was here a year or two, and Jonas, son of Abraham Randall, had a brother Paul. If this conjecture is correct, he was b. in Stow Feb. 27, 1780. The only additional record is the mention of his wife Caty and three children.

- 53 I. *Cyrus*, b. Dec. 6, 1802.
 54 II. *Catherine*, b. Aug. 7, 1804.
 55 III. *Elizabeth*, b. April 23, 1806.

1 DANIEL RAYMOND, with wife Molly, removed from Worcester to Ashby in May, 1785. Their eight children were b. in Ashby, and he d. there Oct. 1, 1835.

2 DANIEL RAYMOND, son of Daniel and Molly Raymond, was b. May 18, 1788. He md. in June, 1812, Sally Green, b. March 27, 1789, dau of Isaac Green. He resided in Ashby until 1822, when he removed to this town, where he d. Jan. 5, 1846. He was a carpenter and carriage maker. Except the youngest daughter and son Charles, the children were b. in Ashby.

- 3 I. *Mary Green*, b. May 18, 1813; md. April 15, 1829,
 James F. Barrett.
 4 II. *Infant*, b. June 11, 1814; d. young.
 5 III. *William*, b. Oct. 27, 1815. A missionary to
 Africa, *vide* page 500. He md. *Eliza Ruggles*
 of Brantford, Canada.
 6 IV. *Lewis*, b. Dec. 15, 1816; md. *Cynthia Wheeler*
 of Ashby. Engaged in the manufacture of
 musical instruments at Norwich, Conn., where
 he d. 1846.
 7 V. *Joel*, b. Dec. 19, 1817; md. *Elizabeth Fairbank*
 of Boston; d. 1846 at Norwich, Conn.
 8 VI. *Ari*, b. May 7, 1820; *vide* page 514; md. *Eliza*
 Secomb of Salem.
 6 VII. *Alvin*, b. April 5, 1822; d. July 31, 1832.
 10 VIII. *Eleira Kinsley*, b. July 29, 1823; d. —.
 11 IX. *Charles*, b. Jan. 6, 1826.†

- (11) **CHARLES RAYMOND** was a machinist apprentice in Lowell and subsequently engaged in business in Bristol, Conn. He gave early thought and attention to the sewing machines and has protected several inventions under letters patent. Since 1862 he has been an extensive manufacturer of sewing machines at Guelph, Canada, with an annual sale of \$200,000. He has been elected to many positions in municipal affairs and has ever been an earnest advocate of public schools. He is a deacon of the Baptist church and is prominently connected with the missionary societies of Canada, and an active member of the executive board for Foreign Missions.

He md. Aug. 9, 1847, Mary C. Marston of Sharon, Vt., who d. June, 1869; md. (2d) Aug. 17, 1870, Helen J. Gill of Brattleboro', Vt.

- 12 I. *Emma Ardelia*, b. April 3, 1849; md. John Crowe of Guelph.
 13 II. *Arthur*, b. April 25, 1853; d. May 14, 1854.
 14 III. *Ada F.*, b. Oct. 18, 1855; md. John B. Minor of Brantford, Canada.

- 1 **ISAAC REED** was b. in Littleton Oct. 7, 1768. He was a son of Samuel and Hannah (Raymond) Reed, grandson of Major Benjamin and Rebecca (Stone) Reed of Littleton and a great-grandson of Capt. William and Sarah (Poulter) Reed of Lexington. He md. July 9, 1789, Rebecca Fletcher of Westford and removed to this town in 1794. He lived in the east part of the town. The family disappeared about 1813.

- 2 I. *Rebecca*, b. in Westford Oct. 16, 1789; d. Feb. 2, 1792.
 3 II. *Betsey*, b. in Tyngsboro' May 2, 1791.
 4 III. *Rebecca*, b. in Westford Feb. 12, 1793.
 5 IV. *Isaac*, b. in Ashburnham Feb. 17, 1795; d. March 2, 1796.
 6 V. *Joanna*, b. Jan. 22, 1797.
 7 VI. *Jonathan*, b. March 22, 1799; d. Feb. 27, 1805.
 8 VII. *Thomas Jefferson*, b. March 18, 1801; d. March 4, 1805.
 9 VIII. *Isaac*, b. June 23, 1803.
 10 IX. *Sumner*, b. Sept. 4, 1805,
 11 X. *Lucy*, b. Jan. 14, 1808.
 12 XI. *Thomas Jefferson*, b. April 27, 1810.

- 13 **JONAS REED** was b. in Woburn April 15, 1758. He was a son of George and Mary (Wood) Reed, grandson

of Ebenezer and Huldah Reed, great-grandson of Dea. George and Abigail (Pierce) Reed, great-great-grandson of George and Elizabeth (Jennison) Reed and great-great-grandson of William and Mabel Reed, the emigrant ancestors. Jonas Reed md. in Woburn July 2, 1778, Rhoda Johnson and removed to this town previous to 1800. He was a farmer in the east part of the town on the farm known as the Josiah Eaton farm. His wife d. Jan., 1830, aged 70.

- 14 I. *Rhoda*, b. April 18, 1779; md. James Weston, *q. v.*
- 15 II. *Jonas*, b. June 17, 1781; resided in this town until about 1812.
- 16 III. *Benjamin*, b. Feb. 24, 1784.†
- 17 IV. *Patty*, b. July 28, 1790.
- 18 V. *Mary*, b. —; md. Josiah Eaton, *q. v.*
- 19 VI. *Nancy*, b. June 27, 1794; md. Ezekiel Merriam, *q. v.*

(16) BENJAMIN REED, son of Jonas, and wife Betsey came to this town 1807, and disappeared soon after 1821. The tax lists indicate that he was elsewhere two or three years about 1815.

- 20 I. *Betsey*, b. Sept. 3, 1808.
- 21 II. *Sophronia*, b. Feb. 21, 1810.
- 22 III. *Elisha*, b. Aug. 3, 1818.
- 23 IV. *Ivers*, b. June 20, 1820.

24 JOSHUA FLETCHER REED, then of Ashburnham, md. 1815, Betsey Fletcher of Westford. They buried two children in this town, one in 1818 and one in 1819. No record of his death; she md. (2d) 1823, John Fenno of Rindge.

RICE.

EDMUND RICE, b. about 1594, came from Barkhamstead, Hertfordshire, in England, and settled in Sudbury 1639. He was selectman several years, one of the deacons of the church, and the recipient of several appointments from the General Court. He was one of the petitioners for the grant which afterwards was known as Marlboro' and subsequently removed to that place. His wife, Tamazine, d. in Sudbury June 13, 1654; and he md. (2d) March 1, 1655, Mercy (Hurd) Brigham, widow of Thomas Brigham, the emigrant. He d. in Marlboro' May 3, 1663, and was buried in Sudbury. His widow md. (3d) 1664, William Hunt, and d. Dec. 28, 1693. Thomas Rice (son of Edmund) and wife Mary resided in Sudbury until about 1664, when he removed to Marlboro', where he d. Nov. 16, 1681. The youngest of his thirteen children was Elisha Rice, b. in Marlboro' Dec. 11, 1679. He md. Feb. 20, 1707-8, Elizabeth Wheeler of Concord. He resided a few years in Sudbury, and in 1719 he was one of the proprietors of Worcester and was

residing there; but he soon returned to Sudbury where he d. 1761. Zebulon Rice, the youngest of the seven children of Elisha Rice, was b. in Sudbury Jan. 5, 1725. He md. Dec. 7, 1749, Susanna Allen of Sudbury. He settled in Lancaster and at the incorporation of Boylston or some other change in town lines his farm was included within that town. He d. in Boylston Dec. 26, 1799; his widow d. in Ashburnham Dec. 17, 1823. Of the seventeen children of Zebulon and Susanna (Allen) Rice, six have resided in this town. Three sons, Jonas, Reuben and Eliakim, are named in the following register: Susanna became the wife of Jonathan Samson, Mary the wife of Stephen Randall, jr., and Dolly, b. June 5, 1776, md. 1801, John Babcock, resided several years in Fitchburg and d. in this town 1837.

- 1 JONAS RICE, son of Zebulon and Susanna (Allen) Rice, was b. in Lancaster Feb. 16, 1754. He resided in Salem in 1775 and in 1776 and 1777 he was in Sterling. He md. May 10, 1779, Zilpah Townsend, dau. of Joshua and Mary Townsend, *q. v.*, and the same year removed to this town. He was a farmer and an industrious, respectable citizen. He settled in the southwest part of the town but removed to the Sawin farm. *Vide* pages 180 and 201. He d. April 26, 1836; his widow d. July 22, 1846.
 - 2 i. *Persis*, b. July 1, 1782; blind; d. unmd. July 4, 1857.
 - 3 ii. *Zilpah*, b. Feb. 25, 1784; md. Abel Wright, *q. v.*
 - 4 iii. *Levi*, b. Aug. 19, 1785. +
 - 5 iv. *Mary*, b. June 9, 1788; md. Jan. 28, 1813, Luther Willoughby of Hollis, N. H.; they resided at Goffstown, N. H., where she d. April 1, 1843.
 - 6 v. *Lucy*, b. July 24, 1790; md. 1809, Ebenezer Jaquith; lived at Washington, N. H., and subsequently at Milford, N. H.
 - 7 vi. *Jonas*, b. April 1, 1792; blind; d. unmd. Nov. 26, 1854.
 - 8 vii. *Ruth*, b. Dec. 31, 1793; md. Samuel Brooks, son of Thaddeus Brooks, *q. v.*
 - 9 viii. *Susan*, b. Jan. 20, 1796; d. unmd. June 13, 1863.
 - 10 ix. *Silas*, b. April 13, 1798. +
 - 11 x. *Salmon*, b. Sept. 30, 1800. +
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- (4) LEVI RICE md. April 27, 1809, Anna Sawyer, b. May 16, 1791, dau. of Eli and Anna (Laws) Sawyer of Westminster. They resided in this town. He d. March 11, 1837; she d. Aug. 29, 1883, aged 92.
 - 12 i. *Levi*, b. Aug. 14, 1809; md. May 2, 1832, Deborah Willard, dau. of John Willard, *q. v.* They resided in Sterling, where he d. Nov. 24, 1885; she d. Jan., 1875. Five children.

- 13 II. *Joseph*, b. Aug. 5, 1813; md. Sept. 13, 1835, Eveline A. Stoddard, b. in Chesterfield, N. H., April 2, 1814, dau. of Arad and Polly (Davis) Stoddard. She d. Feb., 1886; he resides at South Village.
- 14 I. Susan C., b. Dec. 17, 1859 (adopted); she was postmaster Ashburnham depot from 1881 to 1886.
- 15 III. *Nancy*, b. March 10, 1816; d. March 29, 1819, scalded.
- 16 IV. *Sylvia*, b. May 30, 1818; md. Eber Gibson, *q. v.*
- 17 V. *Sawyer*, b. June 12, 1820; md. Jan. 23, 1847, Mary Catlin; removed to Maine; now resides in Chelsea.
- 18 VI. *Arvilla*, b. Nov. 20, 1822; md. John Nichols, *q. v.*
- 19 VII. *Aaron*, b. March 24, 1827; md. Flora Catlin; resided in Fitchburg, where he d. Feb. 6, 1882.
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- (10) SILAS RICE was a farmer in Ashburnham. He removed to Ashby 1852, where he d. Sept. 30, 1862. He md. Sept. 12, 1825, Alnira Corey, dau. of Stephen Corey, *q. v.* She d. Feb. 25, 1843; he md. (2d) May 8, 1844, Adaline (Kendall) Sawin, widow of Stephen Sawin, *q. v.* She d. in Fitchburg Aug. 24, 1885.
- 20 I. *Elizabeth C.*, b. March 21, 1827; md. April 4, 1850, Jonas Whitney, son of Prescott Whitney of Ashby; resided in Fitchburg, where she d. May 3, 1874. One son: Frank O., a civil engineer in Boston.
- 21 II. *Edwin*, b. Dec. 21, 1834; d. in Paxton, Ill., *s. p.*, April 29, 1884.
- 22 III. *Walter*, b. Dec. 25, 1836; a Congregational clergyman. *Vide* page 505. He md. Aug. 24, 1865, Nellie F. King, dau. of Vila and Eleanor (Kendall) King. They reside in Brandon, Vt.
- 23 IV. *Dexter S.*, b. Aug. 3, 1840; md. 1865, Mercy Bangs; resides in Portland, Me., where he is extensively engaged in the manufacture of furniture.
- 24 V. *Charles H.*, b. Feb. 19, 1843; a physician in Fitchburg. *Vide* page 517. He md. June 1, 1870, Delia L. Estabrook, dau. of Samuel and Lucinda Estabrook.
- 25 VI. *Almira M.*, b. Jan. 28, 1845; d. Feb. 17, 1856.

- (11) SALMON RICE md. Nov. 29, 1827, Catherine Cummings of New Ipswich, and in 1832 removed to New Boston, N. H., where he d. Dec. 12, 1838; his widow d. in Amherst, N. H., Dec. 31, 1883.
- 26 I. *Sarah Cummings*, b. Sept. 3, 1828; md. May 4, 1847, Phineas P. Davis of Concord, N. H. He d. March 8, 1864; his widow resides in Ashburnham. Their only child, Susie Wallace Davis, b. Feb. 12, 1863, md. June 3, 1884, Alfred H. Whitney.
- 27 II. *Charles*, b. Aug. 8, 1830; md. Oct. 6, 1857, Sarah Cassidy of Northboro'; resides at Felton, Delaware.
- 28 III. *Catherine F.*, b. March 30, 1833; unmd.; resides in Amherst, N. H.
- 29 IV. *George E.*, b. Sept. 28, 1835; md. Feb. 13, 1862; d. Jan. 27, 1877; resided in Wilmington, Del.
- 30 V. *Salmon W.*, b. Feb. 14, 1839; md. 1861, Anna Engle; resides at Wilmington, Del.
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- 31 REUBEN RICE, a brother of Jonas Rice, was b. in Lancaster Aug. 10, 1757. He resided a few years in Lancaster and in Winchendon and was in the service during the Revolution. *Vide* page 181. He settled in the southeast part of this town 1780. Although prominently identified with the effort to secure the incorporation of the town of Belvoir he was ever a useful and a loyal citizen of this town. He md. June 8, 1784, Sarah Metcalf, dau. of Joseph Metcalf, *q. v.* She d. Feb. 16, 1814; he md. (2d) 1816, Charlotte Johnson, dau. of Simeon Johnson of Dublin, N. H. He d. March 22, 1837.
- 32 I. *Infant*, b. —; d. May 20, 1785.
- 33 II. *Sarah*, b. March 25, 1786; md. Benjamin Gibbs, *q. v.*
- 34 III. *Reuben*, b. Jan. 20, 1789. +
- 35 IV. *Infant*, b. —; d. Feb. 24, 1791.
- 36 V. *Joseph*, b. Oct. 23, 1792. +
- 37 VI. *Anna*, b. Sept. 25, 1794; md. Ephraim Taylor, *q. v.*
- 38 VII. *Eunice*, b. June 19, 1797; md. John Conn, *q. v.*
- 39 VIII. *Amos*, b. June 28, 1799. +
- 40 IX. *Zebulon*, b. May 6, 1801. +
- 41 X. *Lucy*, b. Dec. 20, 1803; md. Benjamin Gibbs, *q. v.*
- 42 XI. *Matilda*, b. July 24, 1806; md. John Conn.
- 43 XII. *Emma*, b. March 6, 1811; md. Benjamin Adams of Leominster.

- (34) REUBEN RICE, JR., md. Jan. 19, 1818, Dorcas Polley, dau. of Peter Polley; she d. Sept. 17, 1816; he md. (2d) July 12, 1820, Charlotte Stearns, dau. of William Stearns, *q. v.* He served in the War of 1812 and subsequently was commander of the Ashburnham Light Infantry. In 1837 he removed to Fitchburg and later to Lunenburg, where he d. —; his wife d. 1849.

- 44 I. *George Proctor*, b. April 4, 1816; md. 1840,
Clarissa Angell; removed to Vermont.
45 II. *Charles Stearns*, b. Oct. 18, 1824; md. Catherine
L. Brown of Westminster; removed to West-
minster.

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- (36) JOSEPH RICE md. Feb. 26, 1818, Susan Balcom and re-
sided near Factory Village. He was an officer several
years of the Ashburnham Light Infantry, and was an
active, substantial citizen. He d. Aug. 6, 1844; she md.
(2d) William Wiswell of Westminster; md. (3d) Abel
Bennett; she d. Dec. 2, 1883.

- 46 I. *Susan Allen*, b. Jan. 23, 1818; d. unmd. Sept. 1,
1841.
47 II. *Joseph Parker*, b. March 10, 1821. +
48 III. *Edwin*, b. Sept. 22, 1825; d. Dec. 8, 1825.
49 IV. *Martin*, b. July 28, 1828; d. March 18, 1832.
50 V. *Mirick*, b. Sept. 10, 1831; d. Aug. 20, 1833.
VI. *Oran S.*, b. Sept. 25, 1833; md. Nov. 12, 1868,
51 Emma F. Pratt; md. (2d) Oct. 9, 1876, Ella
J. Stowell, dau. of Otis W. Stowell, *q. v.* He
resides at Fitchburg. Four children.
52 VII. *Theodore*, b. Jan. 5, 1841; d. in Westminster
Dec. 13, 1860.

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- (39) AMOS RICE md. Sept. 24, 1834, Eunice Robbins, dau.
of Jonas Robbins. *q. v.* He resided in this town until
1833, when he removed to Cambridge where he d. April
4, 1841.

- 53 I. *Hervey Johnson*, b. June 17, 1826; md. Susan A.
Philton.
54 II. *Lucy Jane*, b. April 6, 1830; md. Thaddeus P.
Irish of Gorham, Me.

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- (40) ZEBULON RICE md. June 1, 1826, Susan W. Whiting.
He was a farmer in this town where his wife d. Feb. 19,
1871. He subsequently removed to Malden.

- 55 I. *David Zebulon*, b. July 10, 1831 ; d. July 6, 1832.
56 II. *Susan E.*, b. Aug. 7, 1833 ; d. young.

(47) COL. JOSEPH P. RICE, whose name is embalmed in the memories of Ashburnham, was a useful and influential citizen as well as a brave soldier and an able commander. In Chap. XX, reference is made to his military service. He grew up among the inhabitants of this town and was the recipient of an unusual measure of their confidence and respect. He was frank, manly and self-reliant, and for these qualities he was esteemed and trusted by his associates. He was frequently chosen to office and was the last member of the Legislature from this town while Ashburnham remained an independent representative district. He md. May, 1848. *Laura J. Holton* who d. Oct. 8, 1853 ; md. (2d) June, 1857, *Emma M. Garnett*. He d. Sept. 1, 1862.

- 57 I. *Emma Josephine*, b. Nov. 7, 1858 ; d. Aug. 3,
1859.
58 II. *Frederic William*, b. Sept. 27, 1860.
59 III. *Joseph Newburn*, b. March 14, 1862.

60 ELIAKIM RICE, a brother of Jonas and Reuben Rice, was b. in Lancaster 1756. After serving in the Revolutionary army he removed to this town about 1780. *Vide* page 181. He md. *Hannah Kendall* and resided in this town a few years, and two of his eight children were b. and bap. here. About 1785 he removed to Hartland, Vt.

- 61 I. *John*, bap. July 23, 1780.
62 II. *Sarah*, bap. May 26, 1782.

63 PHINEHAS RICE, lineage not traced ; resided several years on the Winchendon road. There is no record of his family.

64 JONAH RICE, perhaps a brother of Phinehas Rice, occupied the same farm. *Jonah Rice* md. in Marlboro' April 8, 1789, *Molly Hoit*, and removed to this town in 1790. In 1819 he removed to Otisco, N. Y. The oldest child was b. in Marlboro' and eight in this town. He d. 1833 ; his widow d. 1858.

- 65 I. *Mary*, b. Sept. 23, 1789 ; md. *Caleb Ward, Jr.*,
q. v.
66 II. *William*, b. June 7, 1791.

- 67 III. *Thomas*, b. Jan. 28, 1794; md. 1817, *Mary Bowman*, dau. of John Bowman, *q. v.*
 68 IV. *Lucy*, b. Jan. 8, 1796.
 69 V. *Levi*, b. July 27, 1799; md. Jan. 30, 1822, *Catherine K. Reed*.
 70 VI. *John*, b. July 7, 1801.
 71 VII. *Stephen*, b. —; d. Oct. 20, 1805, aged 2 years.
 72 VIII. *Maria*, bap. 1811.
 73 IX. *Luther*, bap. 1815.
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- 74 EMERY RICE, b. Jan. 1, 1803, md. Nov. 26, 1827, *Laura O. Fairbanks*, eldest dau. of Jacob Fairbanks, *q. v.* They resided in this town until about 1855, when they removed to Lebanon, N. H., where he d. Feb. 22, 1873. While a resident of this town he was a popular officer of the Ashburnham Light Infantry.

- 75 I. *Emery Ezekiel*, b. Aug. 19, 1828.
 76 II. *George Horatio*, b. Feb. 18, 1830.
 77 III. *Lucius Edwin*, b. May 2, 1832.
 78 IV. *Laura Ann*, b. Oct. 14, 1834; d. May 28, 1838.
 79 V. *Waldo*, b. Oct. 8, 1837; d. May 14, 1838.
 80 VI. *Marion Ardelia*, b. April 13, 1839.
 81 VII. *Laura Ann*, b. March 7, 1842.
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- 1 JOHN RICH, by tradition a German, was a man of influence, and while he remained in this town he was prominent in public affairs. He was one of the first board of selectmen chosen in Ashburnham and was often elected to other positions. He resided in the northeast part of the town, and in 1766, he was a leading spirit in an effort to secure the incorporation of Ashby. The general measure was successful, but the boundary as established left him in this town. About 1776 he removed to Haverhill, N. H. The name of his wife was Catherine.

- 2 I. *Mary*, b. Dec. 28, 1754.
 3 II. *Elizabeth*, b. Feb. 28, 1756; md. Samuel Stone, *q. v.*
 4 III. *John*, b. Dec. 23, 1760.
 5 IV. *Henry*, b. June 27, 1764.
 6 V. *Daniel*, b. Dec. 19, 1766.
 7 VI. *Jacob*, b. March 13, 1770.
 8 VII. *Abraham*, b. Dec. 22, 1772.
 9 VIII. *Catherine*, bap. April 10, 1774.
 An infant, perhaps Abraham, d. May 17, 1773.

- 1 JONAS RICHARDSON, from Shrewsbury, in 1781 settled in the southwest part of the town. Four years later he was included in the town of Gardner. He. md. Mary Bailey; md. (2d) about 1798, Lydia Woodbury. He d. 1815, aged 72.
- 2 I. *Azubah*, b. Sept. 5, 1772; md. Benjamin Peirce.
- 3 II. *Abel*, b. Feb. 26, 1774; md. Sarah Lincoln.
- 4 III. *Mary*, b. July 27, 1775; md. Benjamin Hill.
- 5 IV. *Elizabeth*, b. July 12, 1777; md. Jonathan Currier; resided in Gardner and Methuen.
- 6 V. *Persis*, b. Oct. 31, 1778.
- 7 VI. *Catherine*, b. Feb. 11, 1780.
- 8 VII. *Jonas*, b. March 12, 1782; md Abigail Currier.
- 9 VIII. *Asa*, b. Feb. 6, 1784; md. Elizabeth Glazier.
- 10 IX. *Nathan*, b. July 26, 1785; md. Sophia Boutelle.
- 11 X. *Levi*, b. April 4, 1801; md. Lovisa Pratt.

1 JONAS ROBBINS, then of Westminster, md. Nov. 26, 1801, Eunice Metcalf, dau. of Joseph Metcalf, *q. v.* In 1807 he removed to this town and occupied a small farm in the ninth school district. He manufactured and sold wooden noggins as they were called, and unlike the noggin of England, the capacity was more than a gill. In 1834 the family removed to Townsend. Three children b. in Westminster and four in this town.

- 2 I. *Eunice*, b. —; md. Amos Rice, *q. v.*
- 3 II. *Jonas*, b. —.
- 4 III. *Hannah*, b. —.
- 5 IV. *Betsey H.*, b. May 11, 1808.
- 6 V. *Asa*, b. March 29, 1810; resided in Groton.
- 7 VI. *Nathan*, b. May 25, 1812.
- 8 VII. *Lucy*, b. April 30, 1822.

- 9 JEREMIAH ROBBINS, of Sudbury. md. Eunice (Dudley) Baker, widow of Amos Baker, and removed to this town about 1820. She d. Sept. 9, 1830; he md. (2d) Oct. 2, 1831, Ruth (Winter) Broughton, widow of William Broughton, *q. v.* Subsequently he was insane and d. in Sudbury.
- 10 I. *Rebecca*, b. May 17, 1820.
- 11 II. *Sarah*, b. March 16, 1822; resides unmd. in Manchester, N. H.
- 12 III. *Ruth*, b. July 21, 1824.

OCKWOOD.

RICHARD ROCKWOOD, probably from Weymouth, Dorsetshire, England, as a planter in Dorchester 1636. He md. Agnes Bicknell, widow of

Zachary Bicknell. She d. in Braintree July 9, 1643. He md. (2d) Ann —, who d. 1664. He d. 1660. There is record of two sons. Of these, Nicholas first located in Braintree and later was an early inhabitant and proprietor of Medfield. He was admitted freeman May 23, 1666. He md. Jane Adams, who d. Dec. 15, 1654; he md. (2d) July 16, 1658, Margaret Holbrook, who d. April 23, 1670; md. (3d) Silence —, who d. Nov. 9, 1677. He d. Jan. 26, 1680.

Dea. Nathaniel Rockwood, son of Nicholas and Margaret (Holbrook) Rockwood, b. in Medfield Dec. 23, 1665, lived in Wrentham. He was there a deacon and a prominent citizen. He md. Dec. 7, 1696, Joanna Ellis, b. Jan. 17, 1677, dau. of Thomas and Mary (Wight) Ellis of Medfield. He d. Sept. 24, 1721. Elisha Rockwood, youngest of the ten children of Dea. Nathaniel Rockwood, was b. June 11, 1716. He md. Aug. 18, 1738, Elizabeth Adams, b. Sept. 4, 1719, dau. of James and Abigail (Hill) Adams of Sherborn. He was a clothier and settled in Groton, where he d. Dec. 8, 1788; his widow d. May 16, 1799. The fourth of their thirteen children was Joseph Rockwood, b. in Groton June 13, 1744. He md. Jan. 30, 1766, Sarah Richardson. He was a farmer in Groton, where he d. 1816.

Joseph Rockwood, eldest child of Joseph and Sarah (Richardson) Rockwood, was b. in Groton Dec. 17, 1768. He md. Oct. 25, 1789, Lucy Fletcher, b. Feb. 12, 1771, dau. of Capt. Pelatiah and Dorothy (Hildreth) Fletcher of Westford, and a sister of Pelatiah Fletcher of Ashburnham. He d. Oct. 2, 1806, leaving seven children. Among these was George Rockwood of Ashburnham.

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| 1 | GEORGE ROCKWOOD, son of Joseph, Jr. and Sarah (Fletcher) Rockwood, was b. in Groton Dec. 13, 1797. He md. May 1, 1823, Anna B. Stickney, b. in Townsend May 7, 1803, dau. of Joseph and Abigail (Jewett) Stickney. They removed to Ashburnham 1832. He was a merchant and a manufacturer of tubs and pails, and for many years he occupied a prominent position among the business men of Ashburnham. Mr. Rockwood was a man of superior ability, a good citizen and an active and tenacious supporter of the reforms of his time. He was a liberal contributor to the First Parish and for many years one of the most active and loyal members of the Society. In his business he was laborious, exact and honest and in his daily life he was kind to his associates and responsive to every demand of duty. He d. Dec. 20, 1864; his widow d. Jan. 1, 1870. |
| 2 | i. <i>George G.</i> , b. Nov. 21, 1826. + |
| 3 | ii. <i>Charles F.</i> , b. Aug. 10, 1829. + |
| 4 | iii. <i>Henry</i> , b. March 4, 1832; md. Feb. 23, 1856, Laura A. Clifford, b. Jan. 15, 1835, dau. of Joseph and Clarissa Clifford of Gilmanton, N. H. Resides at South Weymouth. Three of their five children are living. |
| 5 | iv. <i>S. Augustus</i> , b. Sept. 21, 1837; md. Lois E. Stickney, b. Feb. 7, 1845, dau. of Alvah and Rebecca W. (Spaulding) Stickney of Townsend. He was orderly sergeant Co. F, 25th Massa- |

chusetts Regiment. Near the close of three years' service he lost his right arm. Subsequently he was a teacher in Comer's Commercial College and a merchant at South Weymouth. He d. in Ashburnham Sept. 21, 1873.

- 6 v. *Abbie J.*, b. Dec. 20, 1839; md. May 19, 1864, Lieut. Charles H. Parker, b. in Providence, R. I., March 22, 1839, son of Ira and Maria D. (Haskell) Parker. *Vide* page 445. They reside in Cambridge.
- 7 vi. *A. Theresa*, b. June 21, 1842; md. Charles T. Litch, *q. v.*
- 8 vii. *Joseph Albert*, b. Aug. 15, 1846; md. May 1, 1870, Lura M. Davis, dau. of Joel Davis of Fitchburg. He d. Oct. 26, 1871; she d. Jan. 12, 1877. One child.

(2) **GEORGE G. ROCKWOOD** for many years has been town treasurer and has frequently been elected to other positions of trust. He is engaged in the manufacture of tubs and pails, and has successfully conducted the business over twenty years. He md. May 11, 1848, Sarah J. Adams, dau. of Walter Russell Adams, *q. v.* They reside on Main street in Central Village.

- 9 i. *Herbert A.*, b. June 18, 1850; d. Sept. 21, 1851.
- 10 ii. *Herbert F.*, b. Sept. 5, 1853; md. Jan. 4, 1883, Ellen Louisa Converse, b. in Winchendon Aug. 27, 1862, dau. of George W. and Ellen (Knapp) Converse. He is a commercial agent with May, Nash & Winslow, Boston.
- 11 iii. *Willis H.*, b. June 26, 1856; d. Aug. 11, 1857.
- 12 iv. *Ellen A.*, b. Oct. 27, 1858; d. Nov. 18, 1862.
- 13 v. *George W.*, b. May 30, 1864; he is a book-keeper in the office of his father.

(3) **CHARLES F. ROCKWOOD** resided in this town until 1875, and was a clerk and accountant with the Winchesters. He was often chosen to office and was selectman, assessor and school committee several years. He resides in Fitchburg and is Register of Deeds of the Worcester Northern District. He md. April 13, 1854, Martha A. Baker, eldest dau. of Jesse and Sophia Baker of Lunenburg. Five children were b. in this town.

- 14 i. *Frank P.*, b. June 29, 1856; md. June, 1886, Clara B. Townsend; resides in Fitchburg.

- 15 II. *Emma B.*, b. Aug. 20, 1858; md. *Charles H. Whitney*, *q. v.*
 16 III. *Mary S.*, b. March 5, 1862; md. Sept. 29, 1885, *Albert L. Pratt*; reside in Fitchburg.
 17 IV. *Fred C.*, b. Feb. 23, 1866.
 18 V. *Charles A.*, b. July 13, 1870.
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- 1 SIMON RODANEL, with wife Elizabeth and two children, came with the German colony and settled on Lexington grant in 1758. He was admitted to the church on letter of recommendation from a church in Germany. He was a man of good character, yet retaining his national characteristics he mingled less with the people and was more reserved in his manner than his German associates. The name appears in the record in several forms, but later it has generally been written Rodimon and sometimes Dimon. He d. Oct. 23, 1813, aged 93; his wife d. July 10, 1794.
- 2 I. *Mary*, b. Nov. 5, 1752; md. Jan. 3, 1783, *Henry Stevens* of Claremont, N. H.
- 3 II. *Adam*, b. March 19, 1754; a Revolutionary soldier. *Vide* Chapter V. He resided in this town until near the close of the century.
- 4 III. *Elizabeth*, b. Aug. 23, 1758; md. *Nicholas White-*
 5 *man*, *q. v.*
- 5 IV. *Jacob*, b. June 3, 1760; served two enlistments in the Revolution. At the close of the war he removed to Claremont, N. H.
- 6 V. *Simon*, b. June 30, 1763; was in Capt. Edgell's company 1778 and was a six months' recruit 1780. He lived in this town several years when he removed to Piermont, N. H. *Ezra C. Rodimon*, who has resided in this town several years, is a grandson.
- 7 VI. *Peter*, b. Dec. 17, 1765. He was less than five feet in stature, but followed the example of his brothers and joined the army, enlisting in 1781 for three years. After the war he was in this town several years and removed, says tradition, "to the lower towns."
- 8 VII. *Catherine*, bap. 1770.
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RUSSELL.

If not among the earlier settlers of Ashburnham, the Russell families have been numerous. They are closely allied and are descendants of Joseph Russell, b. Aug. 25, 1703. The emigrant ancestor was William Russell, b. in England 1570. With wife Martha and son Joseph he came to Cambridge about 1640. He was a millwright and carpenter. He. d., leaving ten

children, Feb. 14, 1661. Joseph Russell, his son, b. in England 1636, md. June 23, 1662, Mary Belcher, dau. of Jeremiah Belcher of Ipswich. He was a carpenter and resided in Menotomy, where he d. 1694; his wife d. June 24, 1691. Of their ten children Walter Russell, b. April 30, 1676, md. May 17, 1699, Mary Patten, b. July 24, 1679, dau. of Nathaniel and Sarah (Cooper) Patten; she d. leaving a son Joseph, and he md. (2d) April 3, 1706, Elizabeth Winship, b. June 1, 1686, dau. of Edward and Rebecca (Barsham) Winship by whom he had ten children. He d. in Menotomy March 30, 1748; his widow d. April 14, 1750.

Joseph Russell, b. Aug. 25, 1703, son of Walter and Mary (Patten) Russell, md. Oct. 9, 1724, Mary Robbins, bap. July 27, 1701, dau. of Nathaniel and Hannah Robbins. He was a school-teacher and later a farmer, and resided on the main road to Menotomy. In 1736 he removed to the west part of Charlestown, now Somerville. He d. Nov. 18, 1776; his widow d. Dec. 28, 1781. On the farm where he d. Gov. Isaac Hill and also his mother were born. Of the children of Joseph and Hannah (Robbins) Russell the descendants of Walter and Philemon have resided in Ashburnham.

Walter Russell, b. Jan. 24, 1737, md. Dec. 14, 1758, Mary Wyman, b. March 9, 1757, dau. of David Wyman of Woburn; she d., *s. p.*, Dec. 1, 1760; he md. (2d) Dec. 17, 1761, Hannah Adams, b. April 13, 1743, a dau. of Capt. Thomas and a sister of John Adams, the centenarian. He d. at Menotomy, on the Charlestown side of the river, May 5, 1782. His widow md. (2d) Enos Jones, *q. v.* Of their children Hannah Russell, b. Feb. 8, 1772, md. Isaac Hill and removed to Ashburnham. Thomas, b. June 9, 1767, removed to Ashburnham and is No. 1 in the following register.

Philemon Russell, b. Aug. 1, 1740, son of Joseph and Mary (Robbins) Russell, md. June 28, 1764, Elizabeth Wyman, b. March 6, 1740, dau. of David Wyman of Woburn. He d. in Menotomy May 31, 1797; his widow d. Oct. 22, 1825. This is the first instance of the name Philemon in the Russell family; the name occurred earlier in the Robbins family. Among the children of Philemon Russell was David Russell who is No. 25 in the register.

- 1 THOMAS RUSSELL, b. June 9, 1767, son of Walter and Hannah (Adams) Russell, md. Nov. 25, 1788, Margaret Adams, b. Nov. 12, 1769, dau. of William and Sarah (Hill) Adams. He came to Ashburnham in 1787 and settled on Russell hill, on the farm more recently owned by Ward Russell. He d. Aug. 19, 1823; she d. Aug. 12, 1854.
- 2 i. Peggy, b. April 19, 1789; md. Ebenezer Adams, *q. v.*; md. (2d) Asa Woods, *q. v.*
- 3 ii. Thomas, b. Oct. 23, 1791. +
- 4 iii. James, b. Dec. 30, 1793; md. Nov. 6, 1825, Martha M. W. Locke, b. Jan. 19, 1803, dau. of Daniel and Mary Williams Locke of West Cambridge. He lived in West Cambridge, now Arlington, where he d. Nov. 28, 1859.
- 5 iv. Walter, b. June 29, 1796. +
- 6 v. Sarah A., b. March 15, 1799; md. Ephraim Cutter; md. (2d) Joseph Harris, *q. v.*
- 7 vi. Susan A., b. Dec. 19, 1801; md. Dec. 3, 1818, Peter Tufts, b. Sept. 3, 1798.
- 8 vii. Charles, b. Sept 10, 1804; md. Nov. 4, 1829, Sarah Phillips, dau. of Samuel Phillips, *q. v.*; she d. Jan. 31, 1838; md. (2d) 1837, Harriet Farrar

of Fitchburg, who d. Jan. 21, 1885. He was a carpenter in Fitchburg; d. June 23, 1865.

- 9 VIII. *Mary Adams*, b. Jan. 21, 1811; md. Oct. 17, 1829, Ward Russell, son of David Russell, *q. v.*

- (3) THOMAS RUSSELL md. Nov. 28, 1816, Hepsibah Adams, dau. of Ebenezer Thomas Adams, *q. v.* He was a farmer on the Isaac Hill farm and also engaged in the morocco business. He d. May 7, 1838.

- 10 I. *Hepsely Adams*, b. Oct. 17, 1817; md. John Goodale; reside in Cambridge.

- 11 II. *Emily Maria*, b. Sept. 20, 1819; md. Alonzo P. Davis, *q. v.*

- 12 III. *Sarah Eliza*, b. March 25, 1822; md. Abel S. Wood, b. July 17, 1815, son of Aaron Wood of Gardner; she d. Nov. 8, 1849.

- 13 IV. *Lydia Loenza*, b. Sept. 8, 1828; d. June 27, 1848.

- 14 V. *Mary Jane*, b. June 21, 1831; d. July 20, 1831.

- 15 VI. *Marcus Thomas*, b. Sept. 29, 1833; md. Dec. 29, 1859, Clara Gee, b. Dec. 7, 1835, dau. of Stephen and Marinda Gee. He is a farmer on the Ariel Cummings farm.

- (5) WALTER RUSSELL in youth was an apprentice to Gov. Isaac Hill; returning to Ashburnham he was a farmer on Russell hill, and was successfully engaged in the morocco business. He md. July 4, 1820, Alona Lawrence, dau. of Moses Lawrence, *q. v.* She d. Oct. 15, 1844; he md. (2d) May 1, 1845, Rebecca (Green) Shattuck, dau. of Solomon Green, *q. v.*; he d. May 5, 1856; she md. (3d) Hosea Green, *q. v.*

- 16 I. *Jane Alona*, b. June 10, 1821; md. Thomas R. Adams, son of Ebenezer Adams, *q. v.*

- 17 II. *Franklin*, b. Oct. 12, 1822; md. 1845, Sarah G. Jeffs, she d. Oct. 8, 1860; md. (2d) Nov. 12, 1861, Mary Brown, dau. of Jacob Brown of Walpole, N. H. He is a morocco dresser; was formerly engaged in business in this town, where he was a prominent citizen. He is now engaged in business in Norwood.

- 18 III. *Sarah Ann*, b. July 29, 1824; md. Samuel V. Whitney, *q. v.*

- 19 IV. *Dexter*, b. Oct. 22, 1826; md. Augusta E. Sawtell, dau. of Asa Sawtell. He d. July 8, 1861. She resides in Minneapolis, Minn.

- 20 V. *Emma*, b. Dec. 3, 1829; d. unmd. Nov. 27, 1851.

- 21 vi. *Harriet Lucretia*, b. April 3, 1833; md. Leonard
W. Sawtell, *q. v.*
22 vii. *Malvina*, b. ——.
23 viii. *Charles*, b. 1844; d. Aug. 21, 1846.

24 DAVID RUSSELL, b. 1767, son of Philemon and Elizabeth (Wyman) Russell, was a first cousin of the elder Thomas Russell of Ashburnham. He md. Aug. 11, 1793, Lydia Green, b. Sept. 16, 1768, dau. of Benjamin and Martha (Brown) Green of Watertown. He resided in Watertown several years, and removed to this town in 1798. He lived where Edwin Hayward now resides and was a farmer and an innholder. Subsequently he removed to Russell hill. He d. Nov. 19, 1847; his wife d. Jan. 6, 1841.

- 25 i. *Benjamin Green*, b. March 11, 1794; md. Elizabeth Greenleaf; md. (2d) Eliza Batchelder, lived in Boston. He d. in this town April 12, 1833.
26 ii. *David Wyman*, b. Sept. 13, 1795. +
27 iii. *Lydia*, b. May 7, 1797; d. April 24, 1815.
28 iv. *Philemon*, b. Feb. 20, 1799. +
29 v. *Ward*, b. May 5, 1801. +
30 vi. *Elizabeth*, b. Nov. 30, 1802; md. Dec. 29, 1825, Richard W. Houghton, b. in Ashby Jan. 19, 1802, son of Elijah and Sarah Houghton. They resided in Lane Village, where he d. Sept. 22, 1846; she md. (2d) Jonas Lawrence, *q. v.*
31 vii. *Henry*, b. Aug. 6, 1806; md. Calista Kidder; removed to Oregon.

(26) DAVID W. RUSSELL md. 1826, Mary Cummings of New Ipswich; she d. July 4, 1859; he md. (2d) Nov. 25, 1860, Eunice (Winship) Robbins of Mason, N. H. He was a farmer on the homestead. He d. July 20, 1864; she resides in this town.

- 32 i. *David Wyman*, b. March 17, 1827; resides in Oregon.
33 ii. *Mary*, b. April 9, 1831; resides in Oregon.

(28) PHILEMON RUSSELL was a farmer, owning the southern half of the homestead. He md. Oct. 20, 1835, Clarissa Smith of Mason, N. H., b. Oct. 31, 1805; he d. May 28, 1876.

- 34 I. *Abbie Smith*, b. Oct. 10, 1837; md. May 1, 1865,
Rev. Francis J. Fairbanks, *q. v.* Five children.
- 35 II. *George Philemon*, b. Jan. 20, 1840; md. March,
1868, Carrie Ladd of Rutland, Vt., who d. Sept.
27, 1868; md. (2d) Nov. 26, 1873, Addie L.
Hannum of Rutland, Vt.
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- (29) WARD RUSSELL md. Nov 11, 1829, Mary A. Russell,
dau. of Thomas Russell, Sen., *q. v.* In 1834 he built
the house on Russell hill in which he subsequently lived;
his farm was the original Russell farm to which he joined
by purchase the farm formerly owned by Ethan Wether-
bee and Isaac Hill. He d. Oct. 21, 1878.
- 36 I. *Levi Ward*, b. Feb. 15, 1831, resides in Provi-
dence and is principal of the Bridgman School.
Vide page 515. He md. Nov. 26, 1856, Dollie
A. Merriam, dau. of James Merriam, *q. v.*; she
d. —; he md. (2d) Nov. 20, 1859, Nellie M.
Danforth. Three children.
- 37 II. *Margaret A.*, b. Sept. 20, 1841; md. Nov. 24,
1859, Levi S. Burbank of Lancaster, b. May 10,
1828. Seven children. They reside in Waverly.
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- 38 MOSES RUSSELL, lineage not traced, was in Ashburn-
ham soon after 1772. His name appears on the roll of
Capt. Gates' company 1775. His name is found in the
records occasionally in incidental mention until 1781.
He moved away soon after that date. The name of his
wife was Hannah.
- 39 I. *Sarah Phelps*, bap. July 23, 1775; d. Feb. 8,
1776, "burned to death, aged 8 months."
- 40 II. *Sarah Phelps*, bap. Aug. 24, 1777.
- 41 III. *Lucy*, bap. Feb. 27, 1780.

SALTER.

The name of Salter disappeared from the records many years ago. Among the descendants of a daughter there are representatives of the family in this town at the present time. The first of the name in Ashburnham was probably the Samuel Salter who was b. in Charlestown Aug. 32, 1730. He was the son of Thomas, b. 1695, and Mary Salter, grandson of John, b. 1635-6, and Mary (Adams) Salter and great-grandson of Henry and Hannah Salter, all of Charlestown. Samuel Salter of Ashburnham, if this conjecture is sustained, was of the fourth generation of his family in this country.

- 1 SAMUEL SALTER md. in Stow Oct. 15, 1753, Sarah Knight and lived in Stow until 1765, when he removed to this town and settled where his great-grandson, Warren

Marble, now resides. This farm has remained continuously in the possession of his descendants. He d. July 18, 1800, "aged," says Mr. Cushing, "72." If he was b. 1730 his age would have been 70. His widow d. Sept. 11, 1807. Five children b. in Stow, four in Ashburnham.

- 2 I. *Samuel*, b. July 4, 1754. His name appears on the roll of Capt. Gates' company and Capt. Wilder's company. He md. July 14, 1778, Catherine Kiblinger, dau. of John Kiblinger, *q. v.*
- 3 II. *Sarah*, b. Aug. 4, 1757.
- 4 III. *Hannah*, b. Aug. 5, 1759; md. Nov. 28, 1785, Jonathan Gates of Stow.
- 5 IV. *Mary*, b. Jan. 1, 1762; md. Jabez Marble, *q. v.*
- 6 V. *Mercy*, b. Feb. 12, 1764; md. Jonas Benjamin, son of William Benjamin, *q. v.*
- 7 VI. *Lydia*, b. April 24, 1766.
- 8 VII. *Thomas*, bap. June 11, 1769; d. Oct. 3, 1769.
- 9 VIII. *Lois*, b. Aug. 6, 1770.
- 10 IX. *Phebe*, b. March 6, 1772; md. Feb. 13, 1794, Deliverance Wheeler, Jr.

SAMSON.

ABRAHAM SAMPSON, b. in England, came to America in 1629 or 1630. He settled at Duxbury and in 1643 his name appears on a roll of men, between 16 and 60 years, able to bear arms. In 1645 he was one of fifty-four grantees of Bridgewater and in 1654 he was admitted freeman. He was several times elected to office in Duxbury, but on account of a hiatus in the records only an imperfect record of his career has been preserved. He md. a daughter of Lieut. Samuel Nash of Duxbury and had four sons and perhaps other children. His son Isaac Sampson, b. 1660, md. Lydia Standish, dau. of Alexander and granddau. of Miles Standish. He lived in Plympton, where he d. Sept. 3, 1726, leaving nine children. Peleg Sampson, the fifth son, was b. Nov. 17, 1700. He md. Mary King and lived in Pembroke, Kingston, Plympton and Middleboro'. He was a member of John Winslow's company in an expedition under Admiral Vernon against the West Indies, and died of disease April 27, 1741. Among the seven children of Peleg Sampson was Jopathan of Ashburnham. At this time the name was first written Samson and this orthography has been continued by the Ashburnham families.

- 1 JONATHAN SAMSON was b. in Middleboro' Oct. 25, 1733. He resided a short time in Harvard where he md. 1758, Mary Oakes. He removed to Ashburnham 1762 and settled on the Merrick Whitney farm. He was one of the proprietors of Dorchester Canada and for many years he was treasurer of the propriety. At the first town meeting, 1765, he was chosen a surveyor of the highways. Subsequently he was a selectman and for many years a prominent and influential citizen. In 1776 he was one of

the committee of correspondence, and through the active years of his life he was frequently chosen to positions in town affairs. His wife d. Sept. 13, 1794; he md. (2d) Aug. 2, 1796, Sarah Osborn, a widow, and about 1802 removed to near Keene, N. H., perhaps Swanzey, and d. about 1820.

- 2 i. *Jonathan*, b. May 7, 1759. +
- 3 ii. *Mary*, b. May 4, 1761; md. Moses Tottingham,
q. v.
- 4 iii. *Abraham*, b. May 22, 1763; md. Sally Adams.
- 5 iv. *Lydia*, b. Aug. 1, 1764; md. Edward Whitmore,
q. v.
- 6 v. *Oliver*, b. Sept. 22, 1766. +
- 7 vi. *Ephraim*, b. June 9, 1769. +
- 8 vii. *Moses*, b. March 26, 1771; d. unmd.
- 9 viii. *Relief*, b. Feb. 8, 1773; md. John Winch of
Princeton.
- 10 ix. *Lucy*, b. May 12, 1775; md. Feb. 25, 1798, Levi
Bigelow, then of Mount Holly, Vt.; removed to
State of New York.
- 11 x. *John*, b. July 10, 1777; d. unmd.
- 12 xi. *Rebecca Barnard*, b. May 30, 1780; md. —
Rand.
- 13 xii. *Solomon*, b. Jan. 26, 1783; lived in Vermont.
- 14 xiii. *Betsy*, b. April 19, 1785; d. unmd.

- (2) JONATHAN SAMSON, eldest son of Jonathan, was b. in Harvard. While an infant the family removed to this town. He md. Feb. 21, 1782, Susanna Rice, b. March 22, 1759, dau. of Zebulon Rice of Boylston, and a sister of Jonas and Reuben Rice of Ashburnham. Soon after his marriage he removed to Boylston, but returned to this town 1801, and lived on the old homestead. He d. Dec. 9, 1846; his widow d. July 30, 1850.

It is this Jonathan Samson whose prolonged service in the Revolution appears in Chapters V and VI. *Vide* page 186. He was deservedly a Revolutionary pensioner. The children were not b. in this town and a record is not found in Boylston. It is probable the order of age is not preserved in the following record.

- 15 i. *Mary*, b. July 24, 1783; md. Sept. 15, 1805,
Ebenezer Clark, b. at Braintree June 8, 1779.
They resided in this town a few years and sub-
sequently lived in Brookline and Townsend.
He d. Sept. 11, 1850; she d. Sept. 2, 1856.
Several children.

- 16 II. *Dolly*, b. March 22, 1785; md. Henry Gipson, *q. v.*
 17 III. *Jonathan*, b. Dec. 20, 1786. +
 18 IV. *Margaret*, b. Feb. 17, 1789; md. John Trimnall,
q. v.
 19 V. —, b. —; md. — Priest; lived in Canada.
 20 VI. *Sally*, b. —; md. April 12, 1821, Enoch L.
 Barrett of Mason, N. H., and removed to
 Michigan.
 21 VII. *Abraham*, b. April 29, 1795. +
 22 VIII. *Isaac*, b. 1800. +

(6) OLIVER SAMSON md. 1789, Abigail Sawin, b. 1769, dau. of Jonathan and Mary (Whitney) Sawin of Westminster, and a sister of Asa Sawin of Ashburnham. He lived in Ashburnham and was prominently connected with the Methodist Society. He d. Jan. 15, 1835; his wife d. Feb. 19, 1843.

- 23 I. *Nancy*, b. Aug. 22, 1790; d. Aug. 24, 1795.
 24 II. *Abigail*, b. Aug. 15, 1792; md. 1817, Iddo Kilburn and lived in Hartland, Vt.
 25 III. *Oliver*, b. April 16, 1795; md. 1822, Susan Bennett; lived in Westminster. His son, Otis M. Samson, is named in Buttrick register.
 26 IV. *Nancy*, b. May 2, 1797; md. March 23, 1815, Luther Barrell of Westminster.
 27 V. *Amos*, b. Feb. 16, 1800; md. 1821, Sarah Houghton of Winchendon. She d. Oct. 17, 1825; he removed to Cayuga county, N. Y.
 28 VI. *Infant*, b. —; d. 1803.
 29 VII. *Mary*, b. Oct. 16, 1804; d. Oct. 25, 1805.
 30 VIII. *Almira*, b. Oct. 30, 1806; md. Antipas Maynard,
q. v.
 31 IX. *Stephen*, b. Aug. 9, 1809; md. 1834, Sally Hale; resided in Ashburnham and in Winchendon.

(7) EPHRAIM SAMSON, son of Jonathan. md. Olive Gates and resided in the northeast part of the town until about 1802.

- 32 I. *Betty*, b. Dec. 4, 1794.
 33 II. *Ephraim*, b. May 29, 1797.
 34 III. *Jeremiah*, b. Feb. 21, 1799.
 35 IV. *Levi*, b. Oct. 20, 1800.

(17) JONATHAN SAMSON, son of Jonathan, Jr., was b. in Boylston Dec. 20, 1786. He md. May 15, 1814, Betsey Gibbs, dau. of Joseph Gibbs, *q. v.* He was an innholder

in Rindge and at Factory Village a few years, and in 1830 he removed to the Joseph Gibbs farm now occupied by his son George G. Samson. He. d. Dec. 2, 1869. His widow d. July 18, 1870.

- 36 I. *Leander*, b. Jan. 25, 1815. +
- 37 II. *Jonathan Horace*, b. Oct. 23, 1816. +
- 38 III. *Elizabeth Laws*, b. Nov. 2, 1818; md. *Jason Whitney*, son of Ohio Whitney, q. v.
- 39 IV. *George Gibbs*, b. Sept. 26, 1820. +
- 40 V. *Charles*, b. Nov. 26, 1826; d. Dec. 1, 1836.
- 41 VI. *Mary Barrett*, b. Dec. 5, 1832; md. *Luther B. Adams*, son of James Adams, q. v.

- (21) ABRAHAM SAMSON, son of Jonathan, Jr., md. 1816, Oldice Thomas, b. in Rindge Jan. 17, 1800, dau. of Francis, Jr., and Elizabeth (Gragg) Thomas. They resided in Canada and in the State of New York. He d. May 16, 1842; she d. Jan. 10, 1867. Eleven children.

- 42 I. *Oldice*, b. July, 1817; d. same year.
- 43 II. *George T.*, b. April 9, 1819; md. 1845, Olive (Edson) Tweel, who d. Aug 16, 1873; md. (2d) March 31, 1875, Ellen R. (Frost) Shattuck, dau. of Ebenezer Frost, q. v. He d. Oct. 21, 1879.
- 44 III. *Julia Ann*, b. Jan. 27, 1821; md. John Johns; lived in Ohio; d. July 9, 1846.
- 45 IV. *Augustus A.*, b. Sept. 28, 1822; md. 1846, Frances M. Partridge; d. in Medway about 1850.
- 46 V. *Charles Phillips*, b. June 20, 1824; d. young.
- 47 VI. *Henry K.*, b. Aug. 7, 1826; served in Co. I, 25th Regiment; md. Oct. 9, 1850, Amanda Lawrence of Malone, N. Y. He d. 1874.
- 48 VII. *Adaline C.*, b. Aug. 23, 1828; md. 1826, George P. Bennett, son of Asa Bennett, q. v.; she d. 1885.
- 49 VIII. *Oldice Elizabeth*, b. Sept. 5, 1830.
- 50 IX. *Euphenia*, b. July 28, 1832; md. June 4, 1848, John Roby; reside in Lynn.
- 51 X. *Sarah F.*, b. May 6, 1838; md. March 26, 1857, John A. Spaulding, son of Alfred and Betsey (Lawrence) Spaulding of Ashby. They resided in this town where he d. Jan. 29, 1887.
- 52 XI. *Susan Augusta*, b. Feb. 8, 1840; d. Sept. 1, 1859.

- (22) ISAAC SAMSON, brother of Abraham, md. 1823, Melinda Barrett of Mason, N. H. He lived several years in Canada, but returned to this town where he d. 1855.

- 53 i. *Susan*.
 - 54 ii. *Sarah*.
 - 55 iii. *Arathusa*.
 - 56 iv. *Mary J*.
 - 57 v. *Isaac A.*, b. Jan. 29, 1831; md. 1860, Sarah L. Brown. She d. Feb. 9, 1862; md. (2d) April 25, 1864, Mary A. Bennett, dau. of Isaac Bennett of Groton. In 1886 he removed from this town to Harvard.
 - 58 vi. *Charles B.*, b. 1837; md. Mary Heywood of New Ipswich; resides at Topeka, Kansas.
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(36) LEANDER SAMSON is a farmer and owns and occupies the Jacob Fairbanks farm. He md. Oct. 27, 1838, Roana Newton; md. (2d) Oct. 22, 1875, Anna Chapman.

- 59 i. *Jane E.*, b. Sept. 30, 1839; md. John Milton Partridge of Winchendon.
 - 60 ii. *Charles*, b. Jan. 9, 1844; served in the war of the Rebellion in Co. D, 80th Regiment; d. at Baton Rouge, La., Aug. 11, 1862.
 - 61 iii. *Albert*, b. July 11, 1847; was in the service in United States Marine Corps 1861-5. At the close of the war removed to Albany, N. Y., and is a railroad conductor. He md. July 10, 1873, Josie Carlton, dau. of Joseph Carlton.
 - 62 iv. *Ella Maria*, b. Jan. 3, 1851; md. Hubert C. Bartlett; they reside in Fitchburg.
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(37) JONATHAN HORACE SAMSON, son of Jonathan Samson, Jr., resides in Worcester. He was principal musician and drum major 25th Massachusetts Regiment. He md. 1842, Rachel G. Adams who d. Feb. 26, 1881.

- 63 i. *Agnes Elizabeth*, b. June 23, 1843; md. Daniel G. Holbrook.
- 64 ii. *Infant*, b. and d. Jan. 11, 1845.
- 65 iii. *Abbie Augusta*, b. Oct. 6, 1846; md. J. Brainerd Hall. They reside at Worcester; he is Court Reporter of the *Worcester Gazette*. To his researches I am indebted for generous favors.
- 66 iv. *Flora Amanda*, b. March 13, 1848; d. Sept. 29, 1850.
- 67 v. *Alfred Hitchcock*, b. Aug. 8, 1850; md. Arabella Jones; resides at Providence, R. I.

- (39) **GEORGE GIBBS SAMSON** is a farmer on the farm formerly of his grandfather Joseph Gibbs, and of his father Jonathan Samson. He md. 1847, Anjenette Tavener.
- 68 I. *Mary Georgianna*, b. June 20, 1848; md. Nov. 11, 1873, Capt. Charles H. Pratt, son of Russell Pratt of Westminster. He is captain of Co. E, and one of the selectmen of Ashburnham.
- 69 II. *Elizabeth A.*, b. March 20, 1850.
- 70 III. *Flora A.*, b. Nov. 11, 1858; md. Dec. 13, 1884, Leonard Eisentrant; reside in Worcester.
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- 71 **AARON SAMPSON**, lineage not traced; resided in this town from 1765 to 1775. He md. Nov. 9, 1768, Delanah Schoffe, dau. of Jacob Schoffe, *q. v.*
- 72 I. *Infant*, b. —; d. Aug. 2, 1771.
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- 73 **DAVID SAMPSON** lived in this town a few years, commencing about 1775. He served in Capt. Henry's company in Boston Harbor 1779.
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- 74 **BENJAMIN SAMPSON** was here a short time. He was in the service in 1778, but his name is not met after 1780.

SANDERSON.

EDWARD SANDERSON md. in Watertown Oct. 15, 1645, Mary Eggleston. From this marriage were descended numerous families of Sanderson in Watertown, Waltham and Weston. Dea. Jonathan Sanderson, son of Edward, was b. Sept. 15, 1646, md. in Cambridge Oct. 24, 1669, Abia Bartlett, b. May 28, 1651, dau. of Ensign Thomas Bartlett. His children were b. in Cambridge but subsequently he lived in Watertown. He d. Sept. 3, 1785; his wife d. Sept. 13, 1723. Samuel Sanderson, son of Dea. Jonathan, was b. May 28, 1681; md. April 13, 1708, Mercy Gale, b. Sept. 16, 1683, dau. of Abraham and Sarah (Fiske) Gale. He was killed by lightning July 8, 1722; she d. May 8, 1776. Moses Sanderson, youngest son of Samuel and Mercy (Gale) Sanderson, was b. Feb. 22, 1721-2; md. Jan. 1, 1750-1, Mary Flagg, b. Feb. 2, 1728-9, dau. of John and Hannah (Bemis) Flagg. In 1766 they removed to Littleton where he d. Aug. 10, 1798; his wife d. Sept. 18, 1789. Their third child was Moses Sanderson of Ashburnham.

- 1 **MOSES SANDERSON** was b. in Waltham Aug. 15, 1755, and bap. there July 18, 1756. At eleven years of age the family removed to Littleton, where he md. Mary Proctor, b. in Littleton Jan. 10, 1759. They resided in Littleton until 1789 when they removed to this town. He d. Jan. 29, 1831; she d. Nov. 3, 1842.
- 2 I. *Asa*, b. March 5, 1778; d. May 5, 1778.

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| 3 | II. <i>Polly</i> , b. Feb. 23, 1781; d. unmd. in this town Sept. 17, 1805. |
| 4 | III. <i>Sally</i> , b. Sept. 15, 1782; md. Philip R. Merriam, q. v. |
| 5 | IV. <i>Moses</i> , b. Sept. 23, 1784; md. 1819, Mary Whitcomb; he d. Oct. 23, 1841; she d. 1839. He was a farmer in this town. |
| 6 | V. <i>Asa</i> , b. April 29, 1787; d. unmd. in Salem Jan. 25, 1836. |
| 7 | VI. <i>Rebecca</i> , b. April 18, 1789; md. Elijah Brooks, q. v. |
| 8 | VII. <i>Simeon</i> , b. Sept. 24, 1790; md. Sally Bigelow. <i>Vide</i> page 510. Resided in Westminster where he d. Dec. 3, 1841. |
| 9 | VIII. <i>Lydia</i> , b. Sept. 30, 1793; md. Caleb Winchester, q. v. |
| 10 | IX. <i>Eli</i> , b. Sept. 17, 1795; md. Miranda Thwing. He d. in Brighton Sept. 28, 1839. |
| 11 | X. <i>Sophia</i> , b. Oct. 8, 1800; md. John Peirce of Brookline, Mass. |

SAWIN.

The name of Sawin first mingles in the annals of Ashburnham in 1796, when Asa Sawin removed to this town and settled at the southern base of Mount Hunger. He was a descendant in the sixth generation of John Sawin, the emigrant ancestor, who was born in Boxford, county of Suffolk, England. He came to America between 1648 and 1650 and settled in Watertown, where he was admitted freeman May 26, 1652. He md. Abigail Munning, b. 1627, dau. of George Munning, who was the mother of his three sons John, Munning and Thomas. Munning Sawin, b. April 4, 1655, became a prominent character in Watertown. He was an assessor, selectman, treasurer and town clerk, and for thirty years he was conspicuous in town affairs. He md. Dec. 18, 1681, Sarah Stone, dau. of Dea. John and Sarah Stone of Watertown. He d. Nov. 28, 1722. The third of the eleven children of Munning Sawin was John Sawin, b. Aug. 13, 1689; md. Dec. 11, 1711, Elizabeth Coolidge, dau. of Obadiah and Elizabeth (Rouse) Coolidge of Sudbury and Watertown. She was the mother of his children and there is a tradition that after her death he md. a second wife and resided in Mendon, and d. there 1767. He was a constable in Watertown 1734, and a selectman 1736. The eldest of his eight children was Stephen Sawin, b. Sept. 17, 1712; md. Jan. 5, 1734-4, Abigail Fiske, b. Nov. 11, 1714, dau. of John and Mary (Whitney) Fiske of Waltham and Worcester. He was a farmer and shoemaker in Watertown until 1745, when he removed to Worcester, and in 1761 to Westminster, where he d. 1795. She d. 1803. The extensive tract of land owned by Stephen Sawin was north of Wachusett mountain and southerly from Westminster pond. Jonathan Sawin, eldest son of Stephen Sawin, was b. in Watertown Jan. 2, 1734-5. He removed to Worcester, served in the French and Indian War, and with his father removed to Westminster in 1761. He md. Mary Whitney.

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| 1 | ASA SAWIN, the first of the name in Ashburnham, a son of Jonathan and Mary (Whitney) Sawin, was b. in Westminster, July 15, 1771. He was of the sixth generation of his family in America. He md. March 6, 1796, |
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Susannah Grimes, b. in Hubbardston May 23, 1772, eldest dau. of Joseph and Huldah (Wheelock) Grimes; the same year he removed to this town, and settled at the southern base of Mount Hunger. In character he was blameless, and in his daily life he was industrious and frugal. He d. 1828; his widow d. May 31, 1843.

- 2 I. *Susan*, b. Dec. 18, 1796; md. Joel Marble, *q. v.*
- 3 II. *Asenath*, b. Jan. 9, 1799; md. Hosea Green, *q. v.*
- 4 III. *Asa*, b. Oct. 4, 1801. +
- 5 IV. *Sally*, b. Oct. 29, 1804; md. Ebenezer Frost, *q. v.*
- 6 V. *Stephen*, b. Dec. 19, 1807; md. Dec. 8, 1830, Eliza
Newton of Westminster.
- 7 VI. *Huldah*, b. Oct. 8, 1810; d. unmd. Feb. 2, 1834.
- 8 VII. *Abram*, b. Sept. 28, 1813. +
- 9 VIII. *Mary*, b. Aug. 15, 1819; unmd.; resides in Ash-
burnham.

- (4) ASA SAWIN, JR., md. Dec. 1, 1827, Charlotte Phillips, b. in Fitchburg, —, dau. of Joshua and — Phillips. For many years he was a farmer on the homestead. During the past ten years the aged parents have found a home with their children in Gardner.

- 10 I. *John*, b. Nov. 13, 1828; md. June 20, 1850,
Susan Kidder.
- 11 II. *Lyman*, b. Sept 20, 1830.
- 12 III. *Abbie*, b. Nov. 13, 1831; d. March 26, 1846.
- 13 IV. *Levi C.*, b. Aug. 11, 1838.
- 14 V. *Stephen*, b. June 4, 1842.
- 15 VI. *Mary E.*, b. July 24, 1847; md. May, 1868,
Henry C. Cushing.
- 16 VII. *Melpha R.*, b. July 17, 1849; md. James C.
Nichols, son of John Nichols, *q. v.*

- (8) ABRAM SAWIN was a farmer in this town. In 1866 he sold the farm, now of Alden B. Marble, to his son-in-law Laban W. Wright, and removed to Gardner. He md. March 27, 1834, Loenza Pierce, b. in Westminster Nov. 18, 1816, dau of Jonas and Adaline (Haynes) Pierce. She d. in Gardner May 19, 1882; he md. (2d) Sept. 2, 1885, Mary R. Bigelow of Bolton.

- 17 I. *Susan Adaline*, b. June 11, 1835; md. Laban W.
Wright, *q. v.*
- 18 II. *Jonas P.*, b. July 23, 1842; md. Nov., 1865,
Sarah S. Metcalf, dau. of Joel F. Metcalf. *q. v.*;
resides in Gardner. He is a foreman in the
employ of Heywood Bros.

- 19 iii. *Alfred S.*, b. May 11, 1849; md. *Celia A. Bigelow*; md. (2d) *Alice M. Baker*.

1 ASA SAWTELL, whose lineage is traced in History of Rindge, a son of Hezekiah and Sarah (Russell) Sawtell, was b. in Rindge March 18, 1789. He md. Nov. 8, 1812, *Anna B. Hastings*, dau. of Capt. Charles Hastings, *q. v.* They resided in Rindge six years, in Mason, N. H., a few years, and about 1825 removed to this town. He d. March 25, 1856; she d. Oct. 29, 1879.

2 i. *Ezra Hastings*, b. Dec. 11, 1813; md. Feb. 29, 1836, *Betsey Scripture*, dau. of James and Lucy (Dakin) Scripture of Mason, N. H. She d. in Warwick, R. I., July 29, 1853; md. (2d) March 26, 1856, *Sultyna (Jones) Woods*, widow of Asa Elbridge Woods, and dau. of Dea. Daniel Jones, *q. v.* They reside in Ayer, Mass. He has one child by his first wife.

3 1. *Mary E.*, b. Feb. 28, 1837.

4 ii. *Seth P.*, b. April 1, 1816; d. July 30, 1818.

5 iii. *Mary A. B.*, b. Sept. 18, 1818; md. *Jonas Morse*. She d. Oct. 18, 1873.

6 iv. *Sarah J.*, b. Oct. 3, 1820; d. May 24, 1821.

7 v. *Eliza J.*, b. May 11, 1822; md. *Henry Stevens*. They resided in Caledonia, Wis., where he d. 1874. She resides in Racine, Wis.

8 vi. *Lucy R.*, b. March 11, 1824; md. *John Bemis, q. v.*

9 vii. *Sarah L.*, b. July 30, 1826; md. *Lorenzo A. Fisher*, and removed to New York city.

10 viii. *Leonard W.*, b. June 30, 1829; md. 1853, *Harriet L. Russell*, dau. of Walter Russell; she d. Aug. 30, 1860; md. (2d) *Maria Sawyer* of New York city, where they reside.

11 ix. *Augusta E.*, b. Oct. 3, 1832; md. *Dexter Russell*, son of Walter Russell, *q. v.*

12 x. *Josiah P.*, b. Aug. 22, 1835; md. Feb. 9, 1858, *Mary C. Foster*, dau. of *Jerome W. Foster*. Reside in New York city.

13 CALEB SAWTELL, b. in Springfield, Vt., 1793, md. 1818, *Lucy Stimson*, dau. of *Phineas Stimson, q. v.* They resided in Lansingburg, N. Y., until about 1824 and subsequently in this town. He d. Aug. 8, 1838.

14 i. *Mary E.*, b. Feb. 19, 1820; md. July 6, 1843, *Aris Marcy*; reside in Brookfield.

- 15 II. *Sarah L.*, b. June 15, 1822; md. William Lovejoy;
reside in Brighton.
- 16 III. *George E.*, b. Aug. 17, 1825; md. Nov. 27, 1852,
Mary M. Kendall, dau. of Alvin Kendall, *q. v.*;
resides in Milford, N. H.
- 17 IV. *Lucy E.*, b. 1824; d. Aug. 10, 1832.
- 18 V. *Martha A.*, b. May 1, 1829; md. William Hall of
Milford, N. H.; resides at Gold Hill, Nevada.
- 19 VI. *Harriet A.*, b. March 2, 1833; md. April 6, 1853,
David Pearson of Milford, N. H.; she d. in
Boston May 26, 1877.
- 20 VII. *Franklin*, b. May 12, 1835; md. Lucy A. Farwell;
resides in Brookfield.
- 21 VIII. *Charles H.*, b. —; d. in Milford, N. H.

1 EDWARD SAWYER, b. in Fitchburg March 7, 1804, son
of Jabez and Hannah (Brooks) Sawyer, md. Oct. 25,
1827, Mary Lincoln, b. in Leominster March 16, 1802,
dau. of Thomas and Abigail (Gibbs) Lincoln. He came
to this town previous to his marriage and remained until
his death. He was honest, sincere and pure in heart.
He d. March 7, 1884; his wife d. Aug. 20, 1872.

- 2 I. *Abbie M.*, b. June 8, 1830; d. March 2, 1838.
- 3 II. *Charles E.*, b. Dec. 15, 1832; md. 1856,
Maria J. Petts, dau. of Dr. John Petts; reside
in Springfield, Ohio.
- 4 III. *Henry L.*, b. Feb. 23, 1840; md. Lucy Ann
Fuller, b. in West Acton Feb. 26, 1838; resides
in South Framingham.
- 5 IV. *Mary Nichols*, b. Aug. 26, 1842; graduate Mt.
Holyoke Seminary, 1863; instructor Mt. Her-
mon School, Gill.
- 6 V. *Laura M.*, b. Feb. 8, 1845.

7 ABEL SAWYER, b. in Westminster Aug. 4, 1798, son
of Eli and Anna (Laws) Sawyer, md. July, 1821, Lucy
Holt and removed to this town 1831. His wife d. Dec.
29, 1842, aged 39; he md. (2d) May 27, 1845, Rhoda
Weston, dau. of James Weston, *q. v.* She d. Dec. 23,
1855; md. (3d) May 13, 1856, Ann Kenney of Fitch-
burg; she d. May 23, —. He d. April 9, 1883.

- 8 I. *Lucy A.*, b. July 28, 1822; md. Dec. 12, 1843,
Solomon E. Jaquith of Ashby; she d. May 5,
1870.
- 9 II. *Abigail D.*, b. June 13, 1828; md. Jerome S.
Gibson, *q. v.*

- 10 III. *Adaline M.*, b. Aug. 15, 1830; md. Ezra M.
Merritt, *q. v.*
- 11 IV. *Sarah J.*, b. March 2, 1833; md. 1852, Andrew
J. Adams, son of James Adams, *q. v.*
- 12 V. *Infant*, b. —; d. Oct. 3, 1834.
- 13 VI. *Harriet A.*, b. March 28, 1837; resides unmd. in
this town.
- 14 VII. *James W.*, b. Aug. 11, 1841; d. Aug. 29, 1851.

1 JACOB SCHOFFE was the possessor of a name that was a stumbling block to the recorders of his time. Mr. Cushing usually wrote the name as above. He came with his German associates in 1758, settled where Nathan and Oliver Taylor reside, and remained about twenty years, when he removed to Haverhill, N. H. Four youngest children were b. in this town. We have assigned to him daughters Elizabeth and Delanah, if they should prove to be otherwise connected with the family it would not contradict the record of their marriage. The name of the wife of Jacob Schoffe was Elizabeth.

- 2 I. *Delanah*, b. —; md. Nov. 9, 1760, Aaron
Samson.
- 3 II. *Elizabeth*, b. —; md. July 30, 1767, Philip
Christian Ger.
- 4 III. *Catherine*, b. July 6, 1759.
- 5 IV. *John*, b. Aug. 15, 1761.
- 6 V. *Daniel*, b. Aug. 26, 1764.
- 7 VI. *Henry*, b. Aug. 9, 1766.

1 GROVER SCOLLAY, son of John Scollay of Stoneham, was b. Oct. 10, 1729. In early life he removed to Harvard, where he md. Feb. 19, 1752, Lois Atherton, dau. of John and Phebe (Wright) Atherton. She d. in Harvard Sept. 7, 1778; he md. (2d) Nov. 4, 1779, Rebecca Harris, b. March 25, 1748, a sister of Dea. Jacob Harris, *q. v.* They removed to Ashburnham 1784. In their old age they lived with their son Ezra Scollay in Rindge, where he d. Jan. 12, 1816; she d. March 21, 1819. Nine children by the first and five by the second marriage.

- 2 I. *John*, b. Aug. 19, 1753; d. young.
- 3 II. *Ann*, bap. April 18, 1756; probably d. young.
- 4 III. *Sarah*, b. Feb. 22, 1759.
- 5 IV. *John*, bap. April 17, 1763. +
- 6 V. *Lois*, b. Jan. 27, 1766.

- 7 VI. *Lydia*, bap. Feb. 26, 1769.
- 8 VII. *Betsey*, bap. Sept. 1, 1771.
- 9 VIII. *Lucy*, bap. Oct. 9, 1774.
- 10 IX. *Grover*, b. —.—.+
- 11 X. *Samuel*, b. Jan. 21, 1781. Dr. Samuel Scollay was a man of marked ability. *Vide* page 495. He md. Jan. 21, 1822. Harriot Lowndes, b. in Georgetown, D. C., Nov. 28, 1794, dau. of Charles and Eleanor (Lloyd) Lowndes; she d. Aug. 5, 1835; he md. (2d) Jan. 21, 1841, Sally Page Nelson, b. in Hanover county, Va., Dec. 10, 1801. He d. in Smithfield, West Virginia, Jan. 11, 1857. Eight children.
- 12 XI. *James*, b. March 24, 1783.+
- 13 XII. *Ezra*, b. March 8, 1786, resided in Rindge. He was an honorable man, pure in heart and refined in speech. He md. Dec. 31, 1807, Mersylvia Jewett, b. Nov. 4, 1786, dau of Dea. Edward and Dorcas (Gates) Jewett of Rindge, and a niece of Col. Joseph Jewett of Ashburnham. She d. June 2, 1855, beloved and honored by all who knew her. He md. (2d) Oct. 14, 1856, Polly Hale, b. Feb. 8, 1788, dau. of David and Bathseba (Barker) Hale of Rindge; she d. Dec. 17, 1866; he md. (3d) Sept. 19, 1867, Mrs. Mary P. Moore of New Ipswich; he d. Nov. 10, 1874. No issue.
- 14 XIII. *Lucy*, b. March 31, 1788; md. March 24, 1823, Asa Farnsworth of Leominster; he d. June 18, 1831; she d. 1842.
- 15 1. Dorothy, b. March 17, 1826; md. April 26, 1848, Abel C. Chase, b. Feb. 1, 1824, son of George Chase of Leominster.
- 16 2. Ezra Scollay, b. March 28, 1830, a captain and brevet major in the Civil War, and was wounded severely while in the service; has been manager of *St. Louis Despatch*; subsequently a real estate agent at Newton. He md. May 22, 1854. Mary Frances Brown, b. Oct. 11, 1832, dau. of William Brown of Boston. He d. April 2, 1886.
- 17 XIV. *Abel*, b. June 16, 1790; removed to Canada.

(5) CAPT. JOHN SCOLLAY was a second and first lieutenant of the Ashburnham Light Infantry from 1792 to 1797 and captain a year or more commencing 1797. Subsequently

he removed to Newton and returned to this town for a short time about 1811. He again removed to Newton where he d. July, 1826. He md. Feb. 22, 1789, Lucy Hemenway, dau. of Ebenezer Hemenway, *q. v.* She d. Dec. 6, 1804. He md. (2d) Esther Thwing, and by this marriage there were three children.

- 18 I. *Lucy Hemenway*, b. Sept. 2, 1808; d. in Cambridge 1866.
- 19 II. *Sarah Chamberlain*, b. Sept. 29, 1810; md. Elijah Clark; she resides in Newton.
- 20 III. *John George*, b. 1812.

(10) CAPT. GROVER SCOLLAY was an officer of the Ashburnham Light Infantry several years. He was a man of good ability and of genial manners. For many years he was a manufacturer of kid and morocco shoes and at times employed from ten to twenty men. He was twice married and in the progress of years his earthly treasures were more conspicuous in his household than in his land and gold. By industry he supported a numerous family and maintained friendly relations with his fellow-men. He md. Jan. 26, 1802, Sally Dickinson, dau. of Amos Dickinson, *q. v.*; she d. Nov. 19, 1805; md. (2d) May 22, 1817, Sally Stowell, dau. of John and Susanna Stowell of Temple. He d. Nov. 1, 1852; his widow d. in Templeton Jan. 15, 1887.

- 21 I. *Amos D.*, b. Feb. 7, 1803; md. 1825, Cinderilla Adams, dau. of John Adams, *q. v.*; she d. Jan. 24, 1831. He removed to Saxton's River, Vt., where he d. and where his widow, a second wife, resides.
- 22 II. *Sally*, b. Nov. 10, 1805.
- 23 III. *Infant*, d. Oct. 3, 1808.
- 24 IV. *Leonard*, b. Sept. 29, 1809; lived in St. Louis, Mo., and was proprietor at one time of Planter's Hotel.
- 25 V. *Nancy*, b. 1811; d. Nov. 1, 1825.
- 26 VI. *Infant*, b. and d. Nov. 16, 1815.
- 27 VII. *Susan W.*, b. Sept. 3, 1817; md. April 10, 1839, Dr. Edwin Leigh of Brooklyn, N. Y., and subsequently of St. Louis, Mo.
- 28 VIII. *George W.*, b. April 13, 1819; a physician in New York. *Vide* page 514. He md. Nov. 20, 1843, Elizabeth Stearns Wyman, dau. of Col. N. Wyman of Hillsboro', Ill.
- 29 IX. *Mary*, b. Feb. 8, 1821; md. Russell Whipple, *q. v.*

- 30 x. *Milton J.*, b. Feb. 18, 1822; md. Sept. 2, 1847, Mary W. Hastings, dau. of Joseph B. Hastings, q. v.; she d. in Brookline Jan. 11, 1862; md. (2d) Nov. 24, 1864, Sarah A. (Brewer) Stone, b. in Oakham Sept. 17, 1838. He has resided in Townsend, Westboro', Peabody, Harvard, Ayer, and is now a resident of Templeton.
- 31 1. George Grover, d. young.
- 32 2. Charles Augustus, b. Aug. 13, 1850.
- 33 3. Clara Lizzie, b. Oct. 20, 1853; md. March 29, 1883, Edward Willoughby.
- 34 4. Mary Addie, b. March 5, 1860.
- 35 xi. *Clarissa*, b. Sept. 12, 1824; md. Samuel B. Wright; resides in Georgia.
- 36 xii. *Charles N.*, b. Feb. 23, 1826; md. Jan. 7, 1850, Nancy C. Barrett, dau. of Townsend Barrett, q. v.
- 37 xiii. *Infant*, d. 1828.
- 38 xiv. *Albert*, b. Sept. 13, 1829; md. 1852, Augusta Stratton, b. in Rindge April 27, 1831, dau. of Samuel and Lovisa (Gibson) Stratton; she d. Oct. 6, 1873. Three children.
- 39 xv. *Edwin*, b. July 5, 1831; md. Nov. 27, 1862, Hattie M. Wilson who d. June 22, 1865; md. (2d) March 16, 1867, Louisa J. Hadley, dau. of David Hadley, q. v. He resides in this town.
- 40 xvi. *Joseph*, b. Aug. 13, 1833; resides unmd. in Newton, Ga. He is a planter and a merchant.
- 41 xvii. *Infant*, d. 1835.
- 42 xviii. *Elmira*, b. —; d. young.
- 43 xix. *Lucinda*, b. —; d. young.
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- (12) JAMES SCOLLAY md. April 2, 1807, Dolly Corey, dau. of Hezekiah Corey, and removed to Gardner where he was a farmer. He was an influential citizen and was much employed in town affairs. He d. Dec. 1, 1852; she d. —.
- 44 i. *Dolly*, b. Nov. 8, 1808; md. April 16, 1829, Amasa Whitney, b. in Gardner June 19, 1805, son of William and Anna (Heywood) Whitney; resided in Gardner; he d. Jan. 21, 1871; she d. Oct. 25, 1843.
- 45 ii. *Sarah*, b. Sept. 10, 1810; md. Nov. 21, 1840, Dr. David Parker of Gardner, b. March 18, 1802, son of David and Martha (Carver) Parker of Westford; for many years Dr. Parker was

- among the leading physicians of Worcester county; he d. 1886; she d. Jan. 26, 1870.
- 46 iii. *James*, b. March 26, 1812; md. June 26, 1836, Lucy M. Young and removed to St. Louis, Mo., where he d. Jan. 14, 1874.
- 47 iv. *Charles*, b. Jan. 8, 1814; resides in Gardner; he md. Oct. 10, 1843, Elizabeth A. Garfield, b. in Troy, N. H., Dec. 27, 1816, dau. of Enoch and Lucy (Hodgkins) Garfield.
- 48 v. *Lucy*, b. Aug. 26, 1816; md. Nov. 24, 1836, Alfred H. Brick, b. Jan. 26, 1815, son of Elijah and Sally (Comee) Brick; she d. in Fitchburg Nov. 19, 1846.
- 49 vi. *Ezra*, b. April 9, 1821; d. Nov. 26, 1841.

- 1 **JACOB SELLHAM** was one of the German emigrants who settled on the Dutch farms. Probably he had a home with his son, Henry, as no mention of a wife or other children is found in the records. He d. in Ashby Aug. 27, 1769, aged about 60 years.

- 2 **HENRY SELLHAM**, with wife, Catherine, settled on the Dutch farms in the northeast part of the town 1758. He was elected to a minor office at the first town meeting 1765. At the incorporation of Ashby in 1767, his farm was included in that town. So long as he remained in Ashburnham his name was written Sellham or Selham, but as soon as he became a citizen of Ashby he was known as Sellenham. It is probable that he removed to northern New Hampshire about 1775. Three children were born in Ashburnham and one in Ashby.

- 3 i. *Jacob*, b. — 22, 1761.
- 4 ii. *Anna*, b. Feb. 24, 1763.
- 5 iii. *Elizabeth*, b. Sept. 15, 1765.
- 6 iv. *Catherine*, b. Dec. 25, 1767.

- 1 **JOSEPH SMALL**, b. in Canterbury, N. H., son of John and Kezia (Jackson) Small, removed to this town 1855. He is a blacksmith; lives at North Village. He md. Nov. 19, 1846, Polly Tottingham, dau. of Moses Tottingham, Jr., q. v. There were children by a former marriage of Mr. Small; among them, Arvilla A. Small who md. Levi B. Tottingham, q. v.

- 2 i. *Joseph H.*, b. Jan. 9, 1853; md. April 11, 1878, Mary M. Elliot of Norton Creek, Canada. He

is a farmer and manufacturer of wood ware at North Village. Four children.

- 3 II. *Lyman P.*, b. Oct. 2, 1858.
- 4 III. *Hattie O.*, b. March 4, 1861.

SMITH.

DR. JOSHUA SMITH, a physician and prominent citizen of Shrewsbury, md. Sarah Prentice, dau. of Rev. John Prentice of Lancaster. He d. Jan. 20, 1756. Among their children were Joshua Smith, Esq., and John Prentice Smith of Ashburnham, who were first cousins of Rev. John Cushing. Sarah (Prentice) Smith md. (2d) April 12, 1759, Col. Timothy Brigham of Marlboro' and Southboro'. After his death she came to Ashburnham where she d. March 16, 1803, aged 88.

- 1 JOHN PRENTICE SMITH, son of Dr. Joshua and Sarah (Prentice) Smith, was b. in Shrewsbury Oct. 3, 1748. He md. Hepsibah — and came to this town in 1771 or 1772. He was an innholder. He d. July 18, 1774; his widow removed to Southboro'.
- 2 I. *John*, b. Aug. 11, 1773.
- 3 JOSHUA SMITH, Esq., a brother of John Prentice Smith, was b. in Shrewsbury March 21, 1745. He removed to Ashburnham in 1785 and occupied a prominent position in social and in town affairs. He formerly resided in Southboro' and had been a town clerk and a Justice of the Peace, but his commission was not renewed after his removal to this town, yet he was invariably styled Esquire Smith. He md. Abigail — who d. in Southboro' Oct. 5, 1778; md. (2d) Joanna Stone, b. April 22, 1747, dau. of Rev. Nathan Stone, first minister of Southboro'; she d. Nov. 26, 1808; he d. March 2, 1826.
- 4 I. *Timothy*, b. Jan. 13, 1772.
- 5 II. *Sarah*, b. Sept. 10, 1773; d. Sept. 12, 1775.
- 6 III. *Sally*, b. Sept. 19, 1775; md. Jan. 11, 1796, Dr. Melzer Dwelly of Hanover; two or more children.
- 7 1. *George Wilder*, bap. Aug. 14, 1796.
- 8 2. *Sally*, b. —; md. Asia Phillips, q. v.
- 9 IV. *Nabby*, b. Oct. 5, 1777; md. April 22, 1807, Dea. Josiah Willard of Petersham.
- 10 V. *Joanna*, b. March 8, 1783.
- 11 VI. *Molly*, b. March 7, 1784; d. unmd. June 1, 1823.
- 12 VII. *Joshua*, b. Dec. 16, 1785; md. April 18, 1809, Eunice Townsend, dau. of Reuben Townsend, q. v. He resided on the home farm with his

father and subsequently lived in Winchendon, where his five children were born, and in Townsend and in Bernardston. Late in life he removed to Westminster where he d.

- 13 1. Lucy, md. Leonard Mossman, son of John,
q. v.
- 14 2. Eunice, md. Moses Richardson of Leominster.
- 15 3. Joshua, removed to Worcester.
- 16 4. Reuben Townsend, md. — Allen and
resided in Fitchburg.
- 17 5. Melzer, md. Rhoda Sanders and lived in
Waltham.
- 18 VIII. *Sophia*, b. Oct. 24, 1787; md. April 8, 1817,
Jacob Harris, Jr., q. v.
- 19 IX. *Flavel*, b. Oct. 3; d. Oct. 15, 1789.

20 JONATHAN WARREN SMITH, son of Jacob and Kezia (Warren) Smith, was b. in Shrewsbury Feb. 26, 1748. With wife Catherine he came to Ashburnham in 1774 or 1775. His name appears on the roll of Capt. Gates' company of minute-men in 1775. He removed in 1780 to Hubbardston.

- 21 I. *Alice*, bap. Aug. 27, 1775.
- 22 II. *Joel*, bap. May 4, 1777.
- 23 III. *Sophia*, bap. Feb. 21, 1779.

24 JOSEPH SMITH, b. in Westminster Oct., 1813, son of Jonas and Eunice (Hartwell) Smith, md. May, 1836, Abigail Cutter, dau. of Nathaniel Cutter, q. v. They resided in this town where she d. July 25, 1850. He d. in Lunenburg Sept. 9, 1858.

- 25 I. *Charles Edwin*, b. Jan. 25, 1838; md. Nov. 16, 1866, Lizzie Woodward; reside in Athol.
- 26 II. *Ellen Arvilla*, b. June 30, 1840; d. Jan. 6, 1843.
- 27 III. *Franklin Augustus*, b. Oct. 3, 1843; d. April 16, 1856.
- 28 IV. *Alfred Herbert*, b. Sept. 15, 1845; md. May 27, 1868, Emma J. Dudley; reside in Orange.
- 29 V. *Abbie Maria*, b. July 6, 1850; d. 1853.

30 SAMUEL DEXTER SMITH, a brother of Joseph, b. in Westminster Aug., 1815, md. 1838, Mary Barrett, dau. of Benjamin Barrett, q. v. She d. Dec. 31, 1839; md.

- (2d) 1840, Celia F. Arnold of Lanenburg. He d. in Fitchburg Dec. 29, 1879. One child was b. in this town. No additional record has been received.
- 31 I. *Mary Elizabeth*, b. Oct. 31, 1842.
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- 32 ANDREW J. SMITH, a brother of Joseph and Samuel D., was b. in Westminster Sept. 19, 1819; md. Aug. 16, 1848, Maria Savage of Fitchburg. He d. Aug. 17, 1880.
- 33 I. *Arabel M.*, b. Nov. 1, 1849; md. Nov. 1, 1875, Edward G. Newell of Ashby.
- 34 II. *Walter J.*, b. Sept. 21, 1851; md. Jan. 1, 1879, Emma A. Coggsall; he is a blacksmith and machinist in this town.
- 35 III. *Clinton J.*, b. Nov. 27, 1854; md. Nov. 25, 1875, Sarah Louise Stowell; resides in Winchendon.
- 36 IV. *Harlow J.*, b. Oct. 8, 1853; d. Oct. 1, 1854.
- 37 V. *Harlow R.*, b. Oct. 27, 1856; md. Aug. 27, 1879, Lorilla A. Holt, a farmer in Ashby.
- 38 VI. *Milton W.*, b. Aug. 14, 1862; d. Feb. 2, 1865.
- 39 VII. *Abbie W.*, b. May 1, 1866; d. March 13, 1868.
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SPALDING.

This name was generally written Spaulding in the early records, but is rarely met in any form in this town during the past sixty years. Benjamin and James Spalding were early residents of this town; they were brothers and descendants in the fifth generation of Edward Spalding of Braintree and Chelmsford. The lineage is clearly traced in the Spalding Memorial. The second wife of James, the father of Benjamin and James Spalding, d. in this town March 21, 1812, aged, says Mr. Cushing, between 80 and 90.

- 1 BENJAMIN SPALDING was b. in Westford March 15, 1737-8. He was a son of James and grandson of Andrew Spalding. About 1760 he settled in the northeast part of Dorchester Canada, and his name appears in the minutes of the proprietors' meetings and in the list of town officers chosen in March, 1767. In 1769 he was a petitioner to be annexed to Ashby, but his request was denied by the General Court. His name appears from time to time in the records, until he removed, probably before the Revolution, to Jaffrey, N. H. He md. 1759, Sarah Chandler, b. Feb. 3, 1738-9, dau. of William and Susanna (Burge) Chandler of Westford; she d. in Jaffrey Oct. 3, 1796. He md. (2d) April 29, 1797, Betsey Whitcomb Flood, widow of Dea. James Flood of Marlboro', N. H., and removed to her home, where he d. 1810. Of his eleven children it is probable that six were b. in this town.

2 | JAMES SPALDING, a brother of Benjamin, was b. in Westford Aug. 31, 1748. He md. in Westford Sept. 26, 1769, Hannah Barron, b. July 17, 1747, dau. of Timothy Barron of Westford. He removed to Lyme, N. H., but settled in this town near Great Watatic, about 1773. It is probable he came at the time or soon after the removal of his brother. Living in the extreme part of the town he was closely allied in all social relations with the people of New Ipswich and attended church in that place. At the Lexington alarm it is claimed that he was a volunteer, and the absence of his name on the rolls of the two companies from Ashburnham would not be evidence that he was not a member of the New Ipswich company. In three volumes of local history, deservedly holding an enviable position in that field of literature, will be found reference to this military service in these words: "When the alarm of Concord fight was given he started immediately for the scene of action, while his wife and eldest son spent the afternoon of that day on the summit of Watatic, where they saw the smoke of the burning buildings and distinctly heard the report of the British cannon." It is fifty miles from Watatic to Concord, but the question of the distance is unimportant in this connection. The intelligence of the affray at Lexington and Concord did not reach Ashburnham and New Ipswich until the hostilities had ceased and the soldiers did not leave either Ashburnham or New Ipswich until evening. Even if the smoke could be seen in the distance to what burning buildings is reference made?

James Spalding continued a residence in this town, enjoying the respect and confidence of his townsmen. His wife d. Sept. 3, 1814; he md. (2d) Elizabeth Wilkins, widow of John Wilkins of New Ipswich, and subsequently resided in New Ipswich, where he d. June 8, 1832; his widow d. March 3, 1841.

- 3 | i. *Jonathan*, b. Aug. 23, 1770. +
- 4 | ii. *James*, b. Jan. 17, 1772; md. in Dedham Jan. 6, 1796, Sally Fairbanks and settled in Lempster, N. H., near his brother Jonathan and sister Betsey, the wife of Nathan Jones. He d. in Acworth, N. H., Dec. 10, 1847; his widow d. March 11, 1848. Fourteen children.
- 5 | iii. *Hannah*, b. Sept. 26, 1774; md. Oct. 7, 1794, Abel Prescott of Groton, and d. Aug. 17, 1854; he d. Sept. 18, 1841.
- 6 | iv. *Amy*, b. July 29, 1776; d. Sept. 10, 1780.
- 7 | v. *Betsey*, b. Aug. 10, 1778; md. Nathan Jones, son of Enos Jones, q. v.

- 8 VI. *Nathan Barron*, b. April 30, 1780. He was a physician; practised his profession in Randolph and Montpelier, Vt.; d. in Manchester, N. H., May 17, 1861. He md. Dec. 8, 1807, *Sophia Fish* who d. Feb. 24, 1844; md. (2d) *Sophia Haseltine*. Eight children.
- 9 VII. *Mary*, b. Nov. 25, 1781; md. *Jonas Nutting*, *q. v.*
- 10 VIII. *Isaac*, b. July 8, 1783.†
- 11 IX. *Phinehas*, b. Jan. 16, 1785; d. Oct. 8, 1800.
- 12 X. *Sally*, b. July 15, 1787; d. Feb. 6, 1808.
- 13 XI. *Joseph*, b. July 5, 1791; md. 1808, *Betsey (Hastings) Randall*, dau. of Capt. Charles Hastings, *q. v.* He resided a few years in this town and d. in the State of New York 1815.
- 14 1. *Sylvia*, b. Feb. 21, 1809; md. May 29, 1827, *Atherton Munroe*.
- 15 2. *Charles*.

- (8) JONATHAN SPALDING md. Nov. 29, 1792, *Milly Bennett*, dau. of Capt. James Bennett, *q. v.* He settled in Lempster, N. H., where he was a farmer and in the winter season a school-teacher. He was frequently chosen to positions of trust. In 1809 he returned to Ashburnham and lived on the homestead with his father. In 1814 he was stricken with paralysis; his father removed to New Ipswich and soon after he went to Jericho, Vt., where he d. Jan. 23, 1823; his widow d. Nov. 2, 1853.
- 16 I. *Sewell*, b. April 18, 1792. Enlisting at New Ipswich and serving in the New Hampshire forces he was at Portsmouth in the War of 1812. He md. 1820, *Abigail Gilman* and settled in Underhill, Vt., where he d. April 5, 1843.
- 17 II. *Hosea*, b. Dec. 27, 1794; md. Jan. 20, 1820, *Lucy Kidder*, dau. of John Kidder of Ashby; removed to Jericho, Vt.
- 18 III. *James*, b. Sept. 11, 1796; he was in the service at Portsmouth with his brother Sewell. He was stricken with fever and ever after was deaf. He was a great reader, a thoughtful, intelligent man. He md. Oct. 14, 1819, *Sophia Kidder*, b. Aug. 21, 1800, dau. of John Kidder; she d. Feb. 20, 1854; md. (2d) Jan. 6, 1859, *Caroline Wetherbee*. He resided in New Ipswich. Six children.

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| 19 | iv. <i>Alva</i> , b. June 11, 1798; md. Jan. 28, 1818, Lydia Taylor; d. at Glen's Falls, N. Y., April 9, 1856. |
| 20 | v. <i>Nathan P.</i> , b. March 27, 1800; d. Jan. 23, 1850; md. Mabel Bentley. No children. |
| 21 | vi. <i>Emily</i> , b. June 14, 1802; md. Feb. 18, 1822, Eber Bartlett of Jericho, Vt. |
| 22 | vii. <i>Amasa A.</i> , b. May 15, 1806; md. Jan. 10, 1833, Isabel L. Hyde; d. July 23, 1839. |
| 23 | viii. <i>Mary</i> , b. March 1, 1809; md. 1828, L. Woodward of Jericho, Vt. |
| 24 | ix. <i>Sophia</i> , b. Sept. 17, 1814; md. Harvey Hatch; removed to Hadley, N. Y. |
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| (10) | ISAAC SPALDING md. April 28, 1808, Lydia Brown who d. Feb. 6, 1836; md. (2d) April 27, 1837, Martha Leighton Parker, b. 1794, dau. of Reuben and Hannah (Hildreth) Leighton and widow of Addison Parker of Westford. |
| 25 | i. <i>William Safford</i> , b. May 4, 1809; <i>vide</i> page 500; md. Dec. 22, 1841, Harriet B. Nettleton. He d. June 10, 1884. |
| 26 | ii. <i>Josiah Worcester</i> , b. Nov. 14, 1810; md. Nov. 29, 1832, Emeline Wright; resided in Pepperell and in New Jersey. |
| 27 | iii. <i>Phineas Brown</i> , b. Oct. 14, 1815; md. Lydia Fish; removed to Beloit, Wis. |
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| 1 | JOHN F. STACEY, b. in Burlington, Vt., Sept. 8, 1844, son of John Stacey; md. Sept. 8, 1869, Nellie L. Dalrymple, b. Oct. 5, 1850, dau. of John Dalrymple. He removed to this town in 1872, and is a chair maker at South Village. |
| 2 | i. <i>Carl Leone</i> , b. July 15, 1877. |

STEARNS.

ISAAC STEARNS, probably from Nayland, Suffolk, England, came to New England in 1630, in the ship with Gov. Winthrop, and settled in Watertown, Mass., near Mt. Auburn. He was admitted freeman May 18, 1631, which is the earliest date of such admissions. He was selectman several years, and in 1647, with Mr. Biscoe, he was appointed by the selectmen "to consider how the bridge over the river shall be built, and to agree with the workmen for doing it according to their best discretion." He d. June 19, 1671, leaving a widow, Mary, who d. April 2, 1677. The signature to his will is written *Sternes*, and in England the name has generally been written *Sterne*. The Anglo-Saxon of the name of the bird, the starling, which appears upon the coat-of-arms of this family, is *stearn*, and in other dialects it is *stern*, and also *starn*, which is probably associated with the origin of the name. The present orthography has been more recently adopted.

John Stearns, son of Isaac Stearns, the emigrant ancestor, probably was b. after the settlement in Watertown and about 1631. He was one of the first settlers of Billerica, where his descendants have been numerous and have been conspicuous in the annals of that town. He md. Sarah Mixer, only dau. of Isaac Mixer of Watertown. She d. June 18, 1656; he md. (2d) Nov. 26, 1656, Mary Lothrop, b. Oct. 4, 1640, dau. of Thomas Lothrop of Barnstable. He d. March 5, 1668-9; his widow md. May 6, 1669, William French of Billerica, and md. (3d) 1687, Isaac Mixer of Watertown. Among the six children of John Stearns were John and Isaac whose descendants have been permanent residents of Ashburnham.

John Stearns, the eldest son, was b. in Billerica May, 1654; md. Elizabeth Bigelow, b. June 15, 1657, dau. of John and Mary (Warren) Bigelow of Watertown. She d. April 18, 1694; he md. (2d) Joanna (Call) Parker, widow of Jacob Parker and dau. of Thomas and Joanna (Shepardson) Call of Malden. He was a captain; "was much respected and had much influence." John Stearns, son of John and Elizabeth (Bigelow) Stearns, b. in Billerica Nov. 25, 1686, md. Esther Johnson, b. 1691, dau. of Edward Johnson of Woburn. He d. Aug. 2, 1776; his widow d. April 18, 1786. Hon. Isaac Stearns, son of John and Esther (Johnson) Stearns, was b. in Billerica June 16, 1722. He md. Feb. 11, 1747-8, Sarah Abbott, b. April 22, 1728, dau. of Obed Abbott of Bedford. He was a soldier in the French War, a representative, senator and a magistrate, and prominent in town and colonial affairs. He was one of the proprietors of Dorchester Canada and owned at different times many acres of land in the township. He frequently attended the meetings of the proprietors and was a controlling spirit in the organization. After the settlement of his sons in this town he was accustomed to visit them. In Sept., 1806, at that time 84 years of age and his wife 78, the aged parents rode from Billerica in one day and returned home a few days later. He d. March 23, 1808; she d. Jan. 9, 1815. Among their children were Isaac and William Stearns of Ashburnham. Another son, John, who resided in Billerica, was the father of Gov. Onslow Stearns of New Hampshire and of Franklin Stearns who md. Sally Lane, dau. of Benjamin, *q. v.*

Isaac Stearns, son of John and Mary (Lothrop) Stearns and a half brother of John who was b. 1654, was b. in Billerica Dec. 23, 1661, and after the death of his father was apprenticed to his step-father, William French. He md. Mary Merriam and resided in Billerica, where he d. 1739. His eldest son, Isaac Stearns, b. Aug. 21, 1701, md. Alice Wilson, b. Nov. 12, 1703, dau. of John and Elizabeth (Foster) Wilson. He d., leaving a good estate, Sept. 20, 1739; his widow md. Sept. 14, 1741, John Pollard; she d. Nov. 4, 1756. Elijah Stearns, son of Isaac, b. June 15, 1735, leaving the home of his ancestors, settled in Rutland. He md. Feb. 20, 1760, Lucy Lane, b. May 3, 1732, dau. of Job Lane and an aunt of Col. Francis Lane of this town. He d. Oct. 3, 1801; his wife d. Aug. 4, 1793. Capt. Josiah Stearns, son of Capt. Elijah, was b. in Rutland June 18, 1769; md. Jan. 28, 1795, Ruth Hunt of Milton and settled in Leominster.

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- 1 ISAAC STEARNS, b. in Billerica June 13, 1770, son of Hon. Isaac Stearns, md. Dec. 18, 1777, Mary Crosby, b. May 16, 1754, dau. of Jessaniah and Mary (Hosley) Crosby of Billerica. He removed to this town in 1778 and settled in the northeast part of the town. He lived on intimate terms with his pastor, and, while living in the extreme part of the town, he was constant in attendance on the Sabbath and week-day meetings. He d. April 30, 1807; his widow d. —.

- 2 I. *Betsey*, b. Aug. 30, 1778; d. unmd. Nov. 6, 1854.
- 3 II. *Isaac*, b. March 12, 1780; d. June 16, 1781.
- 4 III. *Isaac*, b. Oct. 28, 1781.+
- 5 IV. *Mary*, b. Feb. 19, 1783; md. April 29, 1806, Job Davis.
- 6 V. *Jesse*, b. Aug. 29, 1784.+
- 7 VI. *Sarah*, b. Feb. 4, 1786; md. Job Davis.
- 8 VII. *Martha*, b. Oct. 19, 1787; md. April 8, 1818, Capt. Sewell Fiske of Weston, son of Jonathan and Abigail (Fiske) Fiske. Eight children.
- 9 VIII. *Orpah*, b. May 19, 1789; md. Joel Davis, *q. v.*
- 10 IX. *John*, b. March 11, 1791; d. unmd. Sept. 10, 1824. *Vide* page 497.
- 11 X. *Abigail*, b. Jan. 31, 1793; md. June 5, 1818, Chauncey Perry, b. Feb. 8, 1788, son of John and Abigail (Bigelow) Perry of Rindge; resided in New Ipswich. Their sons: John Philander, Albert and Isaac Stearns were clergyman. Chauncey, Jr., and Timothy were lawyers in Brooklyn, N. Y.
- 12 XI. *Alice*, b. July 11, 1796; d. May 28, 1812.

(4) ISAAC STEARNS md. Nov. 7, 1822, Belinda Bedlow, b. in Hingham Nov. 18, 1791, dau. of Stephen and Sarah Bedlow of Hingham and Ashby. This name was formerly written Badlam. From the date of his marriage until 1840 he lived in Rindge.

- 13 I. *Sarah*, b. Sept. 27, 1823; d. Feb. 12, 1824.
- 14 II. *Isaac*, b. Sept. 24, 1825.
- 15 III. *Sarah Whitney*, b. Dec. 24, 1827.
- 16 IV. *Albert*, b. Dec. 20, 1833.

(6) JESSE STEARNS was a popular school-teacher over twenty years and was known as Master Jesse Stearns. In 1820 he removed to New Ipswich and since that date the Isaac Stearns family has not been represented in this town. Master Jesse Stearns was a man of quick intuitions, active and alert in his movements, and kind, honest and honorable in his intercourse with his fellow-men. He was a farmer and supplemented his other employments with that of surveyor and conveyancer. He md. June 6, 1811, Lucinda Davis, dau. of Josiah and Abigail (Hubbard) Davis of New Ipswich. He d. Nov. 18, 1866; his widow d. Oct. 9, 1868.

- 17 I. *Jesse George Davis*, b. Feb. 24, 1812. *Vide* page 499. In the notice of Rev. Stearns the date of

- removal of the family to New Ipswich is incorrectly stated 1829. He md. June 27, 1843, Lucy Murdock of Rutland.
- 18 II. *Eveline Lucinda*, b. Feb. 16, 1814; md. Nov. 4, 1835, Rev. Samuel S. Tappan; she d. in Conway, N. H., March 27, 1850.
- 19 III. *Josiah M.*, b. June 17, 1818. *Vide* page 503.
- 20 IV. *Isaac C.*, b. Feb. 28, 1820; md. — Wheeler; resides in Minnesota.
- 21 V. *Abigail M.*, b. July 24, 1822; md. Oct. 28, 1847, Rev. Seneca Cummings, b. in Antrim, N. H., May 16, 1847, son of Samuel and Joanna (Wyman) Cummings; a missionary in China. He d. in New Ipswich 1856.
- 22 VI. *Lucy E.*, b. April 13, 1824; md. Sept. 6, 1852, Rev. Charles Hartwell of Lincoln; a missionary in China; she d. in China.
- 23 VII. *John Newton*, b. May 24, 1829; secretary of the National Temperance Society in New York; resides in Brooklyn.
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- 24 WILLIAM STEARNS, brother of Isaac, b. in Billerica Aug. 4, 1752, md. Sept. 25, 1777, Lydia Davis, and settled in this town 1778. For two or three years the brothers had been clearing land owned by their father and had been in this town a part of the summer season. Their houses were about one-eighth of a mile apart and the farm of William remains in possession of his descendants. He was a man of good ability and commanded in an eminent degree the respect and confidence of his neighbors. He d. July 12, 1826; his widow d. July 31, 1835.
- 25 I. *William*, b. June 19, 1778; md. Feb. 12, 1801, Betsey Davis, dau. of Dea. Thaddeus Davis of Bedford. He lived in Bedford, where he d. Sept. 29, 1823; she d. July 27, 1844. Six children.
- 26 II. *Lydia*, b. March 28, 1780; md. Samuel Foster, Jr., *q. v.*
- 27 III. *Solomon*, b. June 18, 1782; a merchant in New Orleans; d. unmd. Feb. 9, 1815.
- 28 IV. *Asa*, b. Oct. 14, 1784; *vide* page 494; d. unmd. Dec. 19, 1809.
- 29 V. *Timothy*, b. Sept. 1, 1786.†
- 30 VI. *Calle*, b. March 24, 1789; md. John Farrar, *q. v.*
- 31 VII. *Charles*, b. March 21, 1791; md. Oct. 19, 1821, Rebecca Converse, b. Feb. 18, 1794, dau. of Zebulon and Sarah (Merriam) Converse of

- Rindge. He was an ensign of the militia in 1814, but soon removed to New Ipswich, where he d. March 6, 1838; she d. in Lowell Sept. 3, 1870. Four children.
- 32 VIII. *Roxanna*, b. May 7, 1793; md. Feb. 15, 1821, Rev. Amasa Jones, b. April 18, 1796, son of Asa Jones of Rindge. He was a missionary among the Indians. He d. in Missouri April 17, 1870; she d. Oct. 17, 1875.
- 33 IX. *Charlotte*, b. Sept. 8, 1795; md. Reuben Rice, Jr., *q. v.*
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- (29) CAPT. TIMOTHY STEARNS lived on the homestead of his father, now of his son Edwin J. Stearns. He was a captain of the militia, a town officer many years and an able, influential citizen. In 1843, without disposing of the farm, he set out with his family for Missouri. He d. during the journey and his family, after a brief residence at Little Osage, Mo., returned to this town. He md. Jan. 26, 1820, Eliza Adams, dau. of Capt. Ebenezer Thomas Adams, *q. v.* He d. Oct. 25, 1843; she d. July 18, 1883.
- 34 I. *Eliza Roxanna*, b. Jan. 2, 1821; md. Oct. 1, 1842, Cecil D. Ball of Little Osage, Mo. He d. Nov. 24, 1860; she md. (2d) June 2, 1863, Col. Robert W. McNeil. They reside at Nevada, Mo.
- 35 II. *Mary Adams*, b. July 21, 1822; md. June, 1844, Isaac D. Stearns, b. July 21, 1821, son of William and Betsey (Davis) Stearns, *q. v.* They resided several years in Missouri. She d. in this town July 11, 1854.
- 36 III. *Timothy Wray*, b. Sept. 30, 1824; d. Oct. 16, 1825.
- 37 IV. *Timothy Wray*, b. March 16, 1826; resided at Little Osage, Mo.; d. unmd. Oct., 1885.
- 38 V. *William Dike*, b. Feb. 17, 1828; d. unmd. Nov. 17, 1861.
- 39 VI. *Edwin Jewett*, b. Jan. 17, 1831; a farmer in Ashburnham; md. Nov. 27, 1862, Mary Elizabeth Weston, dau. of James A. Weston, *q. v.*
- 40 1. Edwin Weston, b. Aug. 20, 1863.
- 41 2. Nellie Lizzie, b. Dec. 9, 1871.
- 42 VII. *Emma Lincoln*, b. Jan. 30, 1833; md. April 26, 1862, Charles E. Burnap of Fitchburg; he d. —; she md. (2d) Oct. 14, 1875, Jonas Wood,

- b. Oct. 15, 1819, son of David and Mary (Earl) Wood. They reside in Rindge.
- 43 VIII. *Urania Anderson*, b. Oct. 23, 1835; md. Jan. 1, 1857, John P. Whitney, son of William and Fanny (Lincoln) Whitney of Ashby; reside in Ashby.
- 44 IX. *Joseph Henry*, b. Feb. 12, 1838; md. 1868, Martha C. Bradshaw; md. (2d) 1879, Addie Model, both of Little Osage, Mo., where he resides.
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- 45 CHARLES STEARNS was b. in Leominster Aug. 23, 1796, son of Capt. Josiah and Ruth (Hunt) Stearns. He came to Ashburnham 1820 and for ten years owned and conducted the post route from Ashburnham to Worcester. He md. Jan. 1, 1824, Rebecca Greene Robbins, b. Feb. 9, 1802, dau. of Baruch and Polly (Bailey) Robbins of Sterling. He removed at the time of his marriage to the house in which he lived until his death, and which is still occupied by his venerable widow and their eldest daughter. About 1830 he sold the post route to Ivers White and was subsequently employed as a shoemaker. Mr. Stearns was a man of good ability, affable in manner and unflinching in kindness to his fellow-men. He was much employed in town affairs. He was a deputy-sheriff ten years. He served his townsmen as selectman and on many important committees and was town clerk twenty-four years. The records by him transcribed are in a plain hand and in lucid and concise terms. He d. suddenly, July 11, 1874.
- 46 I. *Emma Hobart*, b. Dec. 18, 1824; md. 1851, Charles Wright of Northfield, son of Phinehas and Betsey (Hunt) Wright. They resided in Worcester, Springfield, Ohio, and in Ashburnham, where he d. Jan. 1, 1880.
- 47 II. *Charles Lorenzo*, b. Aug. 31, 1826; d. 1839.
- 48 III. *Rebecca Hill*, b. Sept. 3, 1828; md. Capt. Addison A. Walker, q. v.
- 49 IV. *Josephine Pierce*, b. Sept. 3, 1830; md. Hartwell Tenney, q. v.
- 50 V. *Francis Barnett*, b. July 20, 1833; d. 1833.
- 51 VI. *George Henry*, b. Sept. 28, 1834; in the Civil War was a musician in the Brigade Band, Twentieth Army Corps; md. Jan., 1873, Martha J. Greene of Coleraine; resides in Ashburnham.
- 52 VII. *Cassius Clement*, b. Aug. 23, 1838; md. 1873, Gertrude Bottomly. His musical taste and ability were manifested at an early age, and his

proficient execution in boyhood is pleasantly remembered by the residents of his native town. He played the bass viol in the Congregational choir before his stature would permit him to reach the strings, and Mr. Miller, who was chorister at the time, made a cricket for him to stand upon. After a thorough study of the piano and organ with B. F. Leavens and of the violoncello with Wulf Fries, he removed to Worcester in 1859, where he has been organist and director of music in several church choirs. But he is best known as a teacher and composer of music. His compositions include masses, church music, piano studies and songs. Mr. Stearns has given an apt expression of his love of his native town and a sensitive appreciation of its scenic attractions in several musical compositions suggested by and dedicated to the mountains and lakes of the landscape.

3 LEONARD STEARNS, from New Ipswich, removed to this town in 1823. He resided on the old common and was engaged in trade a short time in the store formerly of the Cushing family and later of Charles Hastings and the Stimsons. In 1825 he returned to New Ipswich and in 1833 he removed to Lincoln, where he d. in 1834, aged 46 years. He md. Sarah Colburn of Lincoln. Among their children Richard H. Stearns of the well-known dry goods firm of Boston was b. in this town Dec. 25, 1824.

1 DAVID STEDMAN lived in Ashburnham from about 1774 to 1786. He was a soldier in the Revolution, an assessor 1781 and 1782 and is frequently named in the records, but his early and later record is unknown. There is no record in this town of his marriage but Jesse and Betty are witnesses of the fact.

2 I. *Jesse*, b. Dec. 11, 1781.

3 II. *Betty*, b. Jan. 8, 1784.

1 JOSEPH STEELE lived many years in the north part of the town. The cellar hole at the "Steele place" is the only visible witness of his home. He is a sprightly character in tradition and of no former resident of this town can one hear as much and learn as little. That he was a German is swiftly disputed by the assertion of others that he was an Irishman, qualified by a small

minority who think he might have been a Yankee or an Englishman. Leaving a fruitful field of conjecture we find his name in the certainties of life—the tax list and record of death. He came to Ashburnham about 1790 and d. Oct. 22, 1821, and an habitual doubt attended his decease as Mr. Cushing was uncertain of his age and records 85 or 86 years. His widow d. July 10, 1836.

STEVENS.

SAMUEL SMALL STEVENS of Ashburnham was a descendant of the Chelmsford family of Stevens, where his ancestors through several generations have resided. Samuel Stevens, a son of Richard Stevens, was b. in the Block House at Chelmsford 1708. He md. March 4, 1731, Ruth Wright of Westford and lived in Chelmsford, where he d. Dec. 31, 1793. Simeon Stevens, his son, b. 1735, md. July 19, 1764, Elizabeth Wright of Westford. He d. in Chelmsford July 22, 1815. His widow d. 1821. Abel Stevens, son of Simeon, b. in Chelmsford in April, 1775, lived in Westford. He md. Oct. 12, 1802, Betsey Putnam, dau. of John Putnam of Fitchburg. Among their children was Samuel Small Stevens of Ashburnham.

- 1 SAMUEL SMALL STEVENS was b. in Westford March 30, 1807. He removed to this town in 1830 and for a short time he was in trade in the firm of Woods, Stevens & Co. He early began the manufacture of flag-seat chairs in this town. With succeeding years the business was enlarged and he built a new mill for its accommodation on the site of the present cotton factory, at the head of Water street. In this mill for a number of years a variety of chairs was manufactured and the business assumed a considerable importance among the early industries of the town. While a resident of this town he was a public-spirited citizen and a consistent advocate of the reforms and public enterprises of the time. In 1844 he removed to Baltimore, Md., and for many years was largely engaged in the manufacture of chairs and furniture. In this business his sons participated and the firm of S. S. Stevens and Sons was widely and favorably known in the South and the West. Mr. Stevens was a prominent citizen of Baltimore and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. Through life he was sincere and responsive to the voice of his convictions. In 1848 he was a nominee of the Freesoil party for presidential elector and through the war he was firm and uncompromising in his ready support of the Union. He d. Dec. 2, 1875, leaving bequests to charitable and educational institutions amounting to over fifty thousand dollars. He md. Nov. 16, 1830, Patty Osgood, b. in Westford 1809, dau. of Jacob and Patty (Fletcher) Osgood and granddau. of Pelatiah Fletcher, q. v.

- 2 | I. *Martha Augusta*, b. April 3, 1833; d. May 25, 1834.
- 3 | II. *Samuel Augustus*, b. May 11, 1836. For the past twenty or more years he has resided in Norfolk, Va., and is the founder of the carpet and furniture house of S. A. Stevens & Co. In this business he was successful. He has retired from active business and has been succeeded by his son. He has frequently been elected to positions in municipal affairs and has served many years in City Council and was recorder three years. His loyalty to his native town is fully attested by frequent visits to the familiar scenes of his childhood. He md. June 15, 1857, Frances Swan Ames, dau. of Samuel S. Swan of Westminster. Her mother md. (2d) Jacob Ames and the name was legally assumed.
- 4 | III. *Charles P.*, b. April 11, 1840. He was associated with and succeeded his father in the furniture business in Baltimore. In 1880 he removed to Minneapolis, Minn., and is there an active merchant. He md. April 25, 1861, Mary E. Neilson, dau. of Robert Neilson of Baltimore, Maryland.
- 5 | IV. *Francis Putnam*, b. Oct. 4, 1842. He resides in Baltimore and is successfully engaged in the practice of law. He has occupied many positions of trust and at the age of twenty-four was elected to the Maryland Senate, and has frequently been a member of the City Council. He md. Sept. 27, 1864, Alexina Bouldier, dau. of Alexander Bouldier of Baltimore, Md.

STEVENS.

The lineage of George F. Stevens is traced to the early settlement of Andover. He is of the eighth generation from John Stevens whose name is preceded by only four in an ancient list of the first inhabitants of Andover. It is known that he settled there previous to 1644. He d. 1662, leaving sons: John; Nathan, b. 1644, the first male child b. in Andover; Ephraim, b. 1649; Joseph and Benjamin, b. 1657. Of these none left sons to continue the name except John and Joseph. John, the eldest son, was b. before the removal of the family to Andover; he md. June 13, 1662, Hannah Barnard, dau. of Robert Barnard; she d. March 13, 1675; he md. (2d) Aug. 10, 1676, Esther Barker, dau. of Richard Barker. John Stevens, son of John and Hannah (Barnard) Stevens, b. Aug. 30, 1663, md. Dec 20, 1689, Ruth Poor. Their son John, b. Sept. 20, 1690, md. April 28, 1717, Elizabeth Chandler and had sons: John, Isaac, Thomas, Jonathan, Daniel, Bemsley and Simon. Of these Daniel Stevens, b. Jan. 27, 1728-9, not being the eldest son as had been the fortune of his ancestors through four generations, removed from the ancestral hive and became one of the early settlers of Souhegan West,

now Amherst, N. H. He md. in Andover Sept. 35, 1750, Hannah Barker of Methuen. He d. in Amherst, N. H., May 30, 1806; she d. May 25, 1815. Daniel Stevens, Jr., b. April 8, 1751, md. 1771, Susannah Abbott, b. Dec. 20, 1753. He d. in Amherst, N. H., March 2, 1825; she d. May, 1830. Daniel F. Stevens, son of Daniel Stevens, Jr., b. Oct. 3, 1794, was a prominent citizen and for many years a merchant of Amherst, N. H., where he d. Jan. 21, 1852. He md. May 17, 1832, Sophronia (Holt) Winchester, widow of William Winchester, q. v.; she d. May 13, 1866.

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- 1 GEORGE F. STEVENS, son of Daniel F. and Sophronia Stevens, was b. in Amherst, N. H., Nov. 28, 1838. He was a merchant several years and town clerk of Amherst, N. H. After a brief residence in Minneapolis, Minn., he removed to Ashburnham in 1873. During his residence in this town he has been connected with the First National Bank, of which he has been cashier nearly eight years and a director since 1881. He is one of the trustees of Cushing Academy and since 1879 he has been the treasurer of the corporation. In connection with these employments he is conducting a general insurance business and is dealing extensively in mortgage bonds and approved securities. During the past ten years Mr. Stevens has been elected town clerk and in this and other public affairs he has rendered the willing service of a good citizen. As a member of the committee of publication of the History of Ashburnham his counsel has been sought and his timely suggestions have rendered more complete many features of the work. He md. June 6, 1866, Mary Elizabeth Fletcher, dau. of Robert and Mary (Cochrane) Fletcher of Amherst, N. H.
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STICKNEY.

The families of Stickney are numerous in this country but do not appear in the records of this town until 1871. The lineage of the general family is presented in "The Stickney Family" published in 1869. The American generations from Rowley to Ashburnham are William and Elizabeth Stickney, English ancestors who settled in Rowley in 1637; Samuel and Julian (Swan) Stickney of Rowley and Bradford; Samuel and Mary (Haseltine) Stickney of Bradford; Abraham and Abigail (Hall) Stickney of Billerica and Tewksbury; Abraham and Sarah (Kittredge) Stickney of Tewksbury; Joseph and Abigail (Jewett) Stickney of Townsend and Alvah and Rebecca W. (Spaulding) Stickney of Townsend.

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- 1 DR. ALONZO LAWRENCE STICKNEY, b. in Townsend May 26, 1835, son of Alvah and Rebecca W. (Spaulding) Stickney, removed to this town in 1871. *Vide* page 473. He md. Nov. 6, 1867, Elizabeth A. Hill of Sutton.



RESIDENCE OF ALONZO L. STICKNEY, M. D.

STIMSON.

JONATHAN STIMSON of Watertown Farms, now Weston, was admitted free-man April 18, 1690. He was a witness in court Sept. 8, 1674, and gave his age as thirty years. He md. Elizabeth Stubbs, dau. of Joshua and Abigail (Benjamin) Stubbs. He d. Dec. 22, 1692. His eldest son was James Stimson, b. 1674. He md. Jan. 1, 1698-9, Bethia Mansfield and d. in Weston Feb. 18, 1744-5; his widow d. May 2, 1753. Among their eight children was Nathaniel Stimson, b. Aug. 10, 1709. He md. April 6, 1737, Elizabeth Myrick, b. Dec. 16, 1720, dau. of John and Abigail (Harrington) Myrick of Weston. He d. in Weston May 24, 1761; his widow md. (2d) April 8, 1779, Samuel Child, b. Feb. 5, 1718-19, son of Daniel and Beriah (Bemis) Child, his third marriage. Of the ten children of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Myrick) Stimson, the two youngest were Lemuel and Phineas of Ashburnham.

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| 1 | <p>LEMUEL STIMSON, son of Nathaniel, was b. in Weston July 11, 1758. He was a soldier in the Revolution, participating in the battle of Bunker Hill and in a campaign at Ticonderoga. He md. June 1, 1780, Phebe Felton of Petersham, and the same year removed to Ashburnham, buying land, and soon after building a house which he occupied many years. He was one of the original Methodists in this town and was connected with them until his death. His wife d. Sept. 17, 1830; he md. (2d) May 9, 1833, Catherine Goodale; he d. Sept. 22, 1840.</p> |
| 2 | <p>i. <i>Polly</i>, b. Nov. 5, 1780; md. Artemas Jackson of Newton. She d. March 18, 1806.</p> |

- 3 II. *Lydia*, b. July 26, 1782; d. Sept. 16, 1782.
 4 III. *Phebe*, b. Sept. 18, 1783; md. James Whitmore,
 q. v.
 5 IV. *Amos*, b. Dec. 6, 1785; d. March 14, 1795.
 6 V. *Royal*, b. March 6, 1788. +
 7 VI. *Lemuel*, b. Aug. 7, 1790; d. Dec. 25, 1791.
 8 VII. *Edward*, b. Oct. 3, 1792. +
 9 VIII. *Charles*, b. May 9, 1795. +
 10 IX. *Abigail*, b. May 24, 1797; md. Isaac Keyes of
 Cambridge; she d. June 24, 1861.
 11 X. *Lucy*, b. Aug. 20, 1799; md. Dea. John C. Davis,
 q. v.
 12 XI. *Elmira*, b. Dec. 4, 1802; md. Oct. 10, 1826,
 Benjamin Whitney, b. May 25, 1802, son of
 Benjamin and Nancy (Fuller) Whitney. They
 resided in Marlboro', N. H., where she d. May
 12, 1862. Three children.
 13 XII. *Elbridge*, b. April 6, 1806. +
 14 XIII. *Mirick*, b. Aug. 15, 1808. +

- (6) ROYAL STIMSON removed in early life to Cambridge,
 where he was engaged in the livery business and in the
 sale of wood. In business he was methodical, exact and
 successful. In his daily life he was above reproach and
 was respected by his neighbors and business associates.
 To the deserving charities that appealed to his generosity
 and philanthropy he was responsive, and his benefactions
 were many and liberal. To his memory shall be in-
 scribed, "Blessed is he that considereth the poor." He
 md. Sept. 2, 1813, Relief Walker, b. in Merrimack, N.
 H., July 22, 1787, dau. of Capt. Zaccheus Walker, *q. v.*
 He d. in Cambridge Nov. 4, 1860; she d. —.
- 15 I. *Fordyce*, b. March 19, 1814; md. Sarah Hersey;
 md. (2d) Mary Lord. He resides in Cambridge
 where he has honorably filled many positions of
 trust.
 16 II. *Royal W.*, d. young.
 17 III. *Amelia B.*, b. April 5, 1818; md. May 4, 1843,
 Andrew N. Wyeth, b. April 29, 1817, son of
 Job and Lydia (Converse) Wyeth; reside in
 Cambridge.
 18 IV. *Royal W.*, b. March 10, 1820; d. young.
 19 V. *Ann M.*, b. Oct. 20, 1822; md. David N. Cham-
 berlain. He is a merchant and a respected
 citizen in Cambridge.
 20 VI. *Charles E.*, b. Feb. 27, 1825; d. March 26, 1828.
 21 VII. *Rebecca F.*, b. Oct. 22, 1827; d. March 7, 1836.

(8) EDWARD STIMSON md. May 24, 1818, Sarah Foster, b. April 6, 1794. In 1822 they removed to Winchester, N. H., where he d. Aug. 8, 1843; his widow d. in Medford Feb. 14, 1866.

- 22 I. *Edward F.*, b. June 17, 1819; resides in Winchester, N. H.
- 23 II. *Emeline*, b. Feb. 7, 1821; md. Joshua Fletcher, *q. v.*
- 24 III. *Warren J.*, b. Feb. 13, 1823; d. Sept. 21, 1825.
- 25 IV. *Alden M.*, b. Oct. 24, 1825; d. in Medford Nov. 16, 1878.
- 26 V. *Emory G.*, b. Dec. 8, 1828.
- 27 VI. *James F.*, b. Aug. 29, 1831; d. March 28, 1832.
- 28 VII. *Arvilla W.*, b. Nov. 4, 1833.
- 29 VIII. *Charles M.*, b. July 19, 1836.
- 30 IX. *Royal D.*, b. Oct. 15, 1837.

(9) CHARLES STIMSON md. May 30, 1820, Beulah Whitmore, dau. of Isaac Whitmore, *q. v.* He was engaged in wool carding on the North Turnpike several years. He d. Feb. 26, 1830; she d. Feb. 5, 1869.

- 31 I. *Almira W.*, b. May 29, 1826; md. Alfred Whitmore, *q. v.*
- 32 II. *Aurelia Felton*, b. Oct. 15, 1828; md. July 3, 1855, Varamus P. Parkhurst of Templeton. She d. in Templeton May 12, 1862.

(13) ELBRIDGE STIMSON md. June 5, 1833, Elizabeth Caldwell, dau. of John Caldwell, *q. v.*; she d. Nov. 15, 1878. In early life he was a merchant a few years on the old common, and subsequently has been actively engaged in manufacturing and tanning. In his business he has been exact and methodical and has been successful. He has been an assessor and town treasurer.

- 33 I. *Frederic*, b. May 27; d. May 28, 1835.
- 34 II. *Charles L.*, b. Aug 15, 1836. *Vide* page 462. He is a machinist and iron founder at Rutland, Vt. He md. Frances H. Mansfield.
- 35 III. *Albert E.*, b. March 5, 1840; d. Feb. 6, 1845.

(14) MIRICK STIMSON began as a merchant on the old common and was in trade several years in Gardner. For the past twenty years he has conducted a store at Lane Village. He was formerly a member of the Ashburnham Light Infantry, and has been an overseer of the poor and

a selectman. He md. Sept. 14, 1834, Sarah J. Barrett, dau. of Col. Charles Barrett, *q. v.* She d. Oct. 22, 1843; md. (2d) April 17, 1844, Charlotte E. D. Salisbury, b. in Lee, Vt., Jan. 31, 1821.

- 36 I. *Sarah Elizabeth*, b. May 22, 1835; d. Aug. 19, 1835.
- 37 II. *Charles*, b. Sept 4, 1837; d. Nov. 19, 1846.
- 38 III. *Sarah Delia*, b. May 13, 1845; md. Nov. 19, 1868, Arthur Wells Field, b. Oct. 2, 1846, son of Dexter and Celinda (Spooner) Field; reside in Chelsea.
- 39 IV. *Charles Mirick*, b. Sept. 29, 1847; md. Sept. 13, 1876, Flora M. Tuckerman, dau. of Henry Tuckerman, *q. v.*; resides in Worcester.
- 40 V. *Frederic Salisbury*, b. June 3, 1853; md. Nov. 25, 1874, Ellen L. Davis; md. (2d) Nov. 10, 1881, Laura Agnes Dodwell. He is a commission merchant in Boston.

41 PHINEAS STIMSON, a brother of Lemuel, was b. in Weston March 6, 1761, and came to Ashburnham about 1785, where he resided until his death. He md. Dec. 1, 1785, Lucy Lawrence. He d. Oct. 21, 1828.

- 42 I. *Sally*, b. June 13, 1786; md. Dec. 12, 1822, Jacob Stickney, b. in Lunenburg Feb. 8, 1770, son of Oliver and Hannah (Stiles) Stickney. They lived in Fitchburg, where he d. April 18, 1857; she d. 1832. One child.
- 43 II. *Betsey*, b. Nov. 8, 1787.
- 44 III. *Dolly*, b. Feb. 26, 1789; md. Dec. 26, 1816, Elijah Carter of Fitchburg.
- 45 IV. *Reuben*, b. Sept. 25, 1791; resided in Boston and in Walpole, N. H., where he d. No record of his family has been secured.
- 46 V. *Phineas*, b. April 26, 1794; md. Jan. 30, 1817, Rhoda Metcalf; resided in Milford, N. H., where both died.
- 47 VI. *John*, b. Nov. 1, 1797; d. Sept. 30, 1800.
- 48 VII. *Lucy*, b. Jan. 31, 1801; md. Caleb Sawtell, *q. v.*
- 49 VIII. *Beulah*, b. Aug. 31, 1804; md. —.
- 50 IX. *Lawrence Pitt*, b. June 16, 1806; d. Dec. 24, 1821.

1 SOLOMON H. STODDARD, b. in Chesterfield, N. H., Nov. 27, 1819, son of Charles and Lovisa (Brigham) Stoddard. He md. Feb. 10, 1858, Ellen Willard, dau. of Silas

Willard, *q. v.* He is a carpenter. With exception of a brief residence in Brattleborough, Vt., and in Fitchburg, he has resided in this town over thirty years.

- 2 I. *Cora H.*, b. Dec. 6, 1858; md. March 20, 1879,
Merrit H. Holton of Fitchburg. He d. May 30,
1884.
- 3 II. *C. Mabel*, b. Feb. 27, 1861; d. Sept. 25, 1861.
- 4 III. *Leslie Willard*, b. May 24, 1862.
- 5 IV. *Bertha Belle*, b. Sept. 25, 1868.

1 **EPHRAIM STONE**, with wife and sons Oliver and Joseph, came to this town from Harvard in 1767. He was at this time about sixty years of age. A record of his marriage has not been secured and I am unable to trace his lineage. Many letters have been written and only a few have been answered. He was a selectman 1770 and for several years he is frequently named in the records. He d. Nov. 9, 1789, aged 83 years; his wife d. Nov. 6, 1789. It is probable there were other children but I have found record of only two.

- 2 I. *Oliver*, b. Aug. 22, 1739. +
- 3 II. *Joseph*. +

(2) **OLIVER STONE**, son of Ephraim, removed from Harvard 1767. In 1775 he was a sergeant in Capt. Davis' company of minute-men. At this time he was one of the board of selectmen. In subsequent years he was frequently elected to office and was an influential citizen. He md. Dec. 30, 1762, Lucy Willard, b. Aug. 26, 1743, dau. of Tarbell and Rachel (Haskel) Willard. He d. June 17, 1813; his wife d. Oct. 11, 1806.

- 4 I. *Oliver*, b. Jan. 28, 1764. +
- 5 II. *Lucy*, b. Feb. 8, 1766; md. Willard Lane, *q. v.*
- 6 III. *Rachel*, b. Dec. 5, 1768; deaf and dumb; she d.
unmd. May 27, 1837.
- 7 IV. *Ephraim*, b. Dec. 30, 1770; he was an eminent
physician of Harvard.
- 8 V. *Dolly*, b. March 24, 1773; md. 1806, Henry Bacon
of Boston; he d. Feb. 21, 1838; she d. Oct. 13,
1856.
- 9 VI. *Hosea*, b. Sept. 3, 1776. +
- 10 VII. *Joseph*, b. Sept. 22, 1783; resided in Harvard.
No record of his family has been received.
Among his children is Joseph Lyman Stone
of the firm Stone and Downer, Custom House
brokers of Boston.

- 11 VIII. *Emma*, b. May 22, 1787; md. Moses Watson of Rochester, N. H.; she d. Oct. 26, 1838, leaving six children.

- (3) JOSEPH STONE, son of Ephraim, was a drummer in Capt. Gates' company 1775 and was in the service in New Jersey in 1778. He md. Feb. 2, 1778, Susanna Gates. He was a farmer and lived on the farm now owned by the town. He was styled Capt. Stone but no record of his commission has been found. He was the principal advocate in this town of the county road leading from Winchendon to Leominster and passing by his farm. His wife d. Sept. 11, 1814, aged 61 years.

- 12 I. *Milly*, b. June 2, 1773; md. John Corey, *q. v.*
 13 II. *Joseph*, b. June 20, 1775; md. March 5, 1799, Dorothy Wilder, dau. of Samuel Wilder, Esq., *q. v.*, and removed from town two or three years after marriage.
- 14 1. Horace Wilder, bap. May 25, 1800.
- 15 III. *Ezra*, b. Feb. 1, 1778; succeeded his father on the homestead which he sold to Joseph Davis, who sold it to the town. He md. 1806, Charlotte Cooper of Westminster, b. 1780, dau. of Jedediah and Mary (Hall) Cooper. They had children: Mary, Chauncy and Alanson, and about 1840 removed to Milwaukee, Wis.
- 16 IV. *Matilda*, b. Nov. 28, 1781; md. Josiah White, *q. v.*
- 17 V. *Amos D.*, b. Feb. 8, 1788; md. Feb. 23, 1809, Nancy Hayden.
- 18 VI. *Ephraim*, b. Oct. 1, 1791; d. Oct. 7, 1794.
- 19 VII. *Lucy*, b. Dec. 6, 1793; md. Jonas Corey, *q. v.*

- (4) OLIVER STONE, son of Oliver, md. Nov. 2, 1784, Nancy Clark. He lived at the centre of the town, where he d. Sept. 11, 1794. His widow d. Jan. 19, 1837.

- 20 I. *Nancy*, b. Feb. 13, 1786; md. Benjamin Barrett, *q. v.*
 21 II. *Betsy*, b. May 14, 1792; md. Oliver Barrett, *q. v.*

- (9) COL. HOSEA STONE, son of Oliver, was a hatter in Central Village. His name frequently appears in the chapters of this volume and is honorably enrolled in the annals of Ashburnham. He was town clerk, selectman, representative and often chosen on important committees.

In military affairs he manifested an equal interest and was a popular and efficient officer. He was a captain of the Light Infantry 1818-20, and subsequently a major and lieutenant-colonel of the regiment. He was not merely a prominent citizen in a quiet era of the town's history, but he was a strong man among able associates, successfully competing for honors with the Jewetts, George R. Cushing, Esq., Silas Willard, Esq., Col. Charles Barrett, Reuben Townsend, Esq., Col. Enoch Whitmore and other worthies of his time. He md. Nov. 27, 1806, Betsey Gibson, b. Dec. 24, 1779, dau. of Dea. Samuel and Dolly Gibson of Fitchburg and a sister of the wife of Ensign John Adams. He d. Sept. 22, 1850; his wife d. April 18, 1846.

- 22 i. *Hosea Gibson*, b. Aug. 14, 1809. +

(22) HOSEA G. STONE md. July 2, 1846, Esther P. Adams, dau. of Milton Adams, *q. v.* He was a kind neighbor and a worthy citizen. He d. Jan. 21, 1885. The homestead opposite the school-house in the first district is retained and occupied by the family.

- 23 i. *Betsey*, b. Dec. 7, 1749; md. Sept. 19, 1878, Eli H. Derby.
 24 ii. *Esther*, b. Sept. 3, 1850; d. April 22, 1855.
 25 iii. *Hosea*, b. Oct. 20, 1853.
 26 iv. *Joseph*, b. Oct. 8, 1855; d. May 23, 1862.
 27 v. *Ephraim*, b. June 23, 1858; md. Dec. 16, 1885, Mary L. Howe, dau. of Orange E. Howe, *q. v.*
 28 vi. *Esther*, b. Aug. 27, 1859.
 29 vii. *Oliver*, b. Aug. 14, 1861.
 30 viii. *Emma W.*, b. Sept. 19, 1864.
 31 ix. *Joseph*, b. Feb. 10, 1870.

32 SAMUEL STONE lived in this town a few years immediately preceding the Revolution. It is possible that he was a son of Ephraim and a brother of Oliver and Joseph Stone, and if so he probably came to this town in 1767. He md. Dec. 28, 1773, Elizabeth Rich, dau. of John Rich, *q. v.* He d. Jan. 3, 1775, aged 24 years. In regard to the circumstances of his death, Mr. Cushing says: "He perished in consequence of getting lost. He left his house Wednesday morning and having lost the points of compass he wandered that day and night and was not found and brought home until Saturday night. He was a pitiful object; his feet were frozen as hard as flesh could be. He died Sabbath night in great anguish."

- 33 I. *Samuel*, b. April 20, 1775 ; posthumous.
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- 34 DEA. PETER STONE was b. Nov. 28, 1757 ; he was a son of Rev. Nathan Stone, the first minister of Southboro'. He md. May 26, 1782, Elizabeth Estabrook and removed to this town in 1786 or 1787. He was chosen deacon 1788 and removed to Townsend 1799.
- 35 I. *Windsor*, b. Jan. 25, 1786.
- 36 II. *Peter*, b. May 13, 1788.
- 37 III. *Betsey*, b. July 17, 1791.
- 38 IV. *Abigail*, b. April 14, 1794.
- 39 V. *Nathan*, bap. Feb. 5, 1797.
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- 40 JOHN C. STONE removed to this town 1879. He is a son of Ai and Harriet (Hadley) Stone (*vide* Hadley register), a grandson of Benjamin and Lucy (Wheeler) Stone and great-grandson of Samuel and Martha (Wilder) Stone. Samuel Stone was from Groton and settled at an early date in Winchendon. In 1785 his farm was included in Gardner and is now owned by the town, and known as the Gardner Poor Farm.
- John C. Stone md. April 23, 1870, Harriet Ella Bemis, dau. of Reuben and Harriet (Perkins) Bemis of Winchendon. He owns the Central House and other real estate and was manager of the hotel from 1879 to 1886, when he leased the property to Ezra H. Lovell.

STOWE.

Only one family bearing this name has been resident of Ashburnham. In 1634 John Stowe from England, with his wife Elizabeth and six children, settled in Roxbury, Mass. He was made freeman the same year, and in 1638 was a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, and a representative in 1639. Thomas Stowe, his son, b. in England, was a resident of Concord in 1640, and previous to 1660 he removed to Middletown, Conn. His son, Samuel, b. 1645, returned from Connecticut and settled in Marlboro' previous to 1677. In this settlement he was prominent, and much employed in public affairs, and also served in the Indian wars. He d. Feb. 9, 1721 ; his wife Elizabeth d. June 17, 1737. Thomas Stowe, their son, b. Dec. 27, 1682, md. Jan. 20, 1713, Hannah Johnson, b. July 20, 1691, dau. of William and Hannah Johnson of Marlboro'. He d. in Marlboro' Aug. 28, 1765 ; she d. June 15, 1789. They had sixteen children, and among them Benjamin Stowe, b. Aug. 25, 1718. He md. Dorcas Stone, b. April 11, 1725, dau. of Joseph and Mary Stone of Lexington. They settled in Harvard, where their five children were b. Of these, Manassah Stowe md. Mary Whitcomb of Littleton, Mass., and settled in Hillsboro', N. H., where he was killed in 1790 while felling trees, leaving one son and two daughters. Benjamin Stowe, son of Manassah Stowe, b. in Hillsboro', N. H., March 21, 1784, md. Feb. 18, 1813, Betsey Ager, sister of Ebenezer Ager, q. c., and d. in Rindge Aug. 21, 1869 ; his wife d. Dec. 11, 1861. David Stowe, b. Feb. 24, 1818, md. Nov. 8, 1842, Mary Converse, dau. of Joshua Converse, Esq., of Rindge. They resided a short time in North Ashburnham and at the organization of the

nion church he served on several committees and a part of the original pers were drafted by him. He was an educated gentleman, of unblemished aracter. He d. July 7, 1877. His son Mortimer M. Stowe is a resident this town and a daughter is the wife of Charles H. White, *q. v.*

1 MORTIMER M. STOWE, b. Jan. 22, 1844, enlisted Jan. 8, 1862; re-enlisted 1864; corporal in Light Battery C, Third Rhode Island Artillery; participating in siege of Charleston, 1863, and in the engagements near Petersburg and Richmond, 1864-5. He md. July 8, 1862, Sarah Jane Oliver. Since 1873 he has resided in this town. He is a deacon of the Congregational church and has been overseer of the poor several years.

2 I. *Clifton Ellsworth*, b. March 28, 1866; d. Dec. 5, 1885.

3 II. *Harold Clair*, b. Nov. 5, 1867.

1 JEREMIAH STOWELL, son of John and Susannah (Todd) Stowell, was b. in Temple June 5, 1791. He came to this town 1814, and was associated in business a few years with his brothers Joshua and Moses. He removed to New York.

2 JOSHUA STOWELL, a brother of Jeremiah, was b. in Temple May 12, 1789, and removed to this town in 1814. He md. July 2, 1815, Lydia Hastings, dau. of Capt. Charles Hastings, *q. v.*; she d. March 19, 1829; he md. (2d) April 22, 1834, Sally Davis, dau. of Amos Davis, *q. v.* He was engaged several years in wool carding and cloth dressing on the North Turnpike and subsequently was a farmer. He d. July 8, 1880..

3 I. *Harriet A.*, b. March 7, 1816; d. unmd.

4 II. *Moses A.*, b. July 31, 1817; d. in Cuba Sept. 19, 1847.

5 III. *Otis Whitting*, b. Nov. 13, 1819; md. June 10, 1848, Mrs. Mary Ann Garnett. He resides in New York city. Three children were b. in Ashburnham.

6 1. *Ada L.*, b. July 22, 1849.

7 2. *John M.*, b. Sept. 2. 1850; md. Helen Rector; resides in New York city.

8 3. *Ella J.*, b. Jan. 30, 1852; md. Oren Rice, son of Joseph Rice. *q. v.*

9 IV. *John C.*, b. Oct. 1, 1823; was a printer and editor in Lowell. He was a soldier in the brigade commanded by Gen. Franklin Pierce of New

Hampshire in the Mexican War and was mortally wounded in the assault upon Churubusco in August, 1847.

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- 10 MOSES STOWELL, twin brother of Joshua, was b. in Temple May 12, 1789. He was engaged with his brothers in wool carding and cloth dressing and subsequently removed to Leominster in 1836. He returned to this town after an absence of about four years. He md. Dec. 20, 1829, Mary Chesmore of Henniker, N. H. He d. Jan. 19, 1870; she d. March 26, 1872.
- 11 I. *Elvira*, b. March 7, 1826 (adopted); md. Townsend Barrett, *q. v.*
- 12 II. *Charles Newman*, b. June 29, 1830; resided in Burlington, N. J.; d. unmd. April 26, 1884.
- 13 III. *Jeremiah Thomas*, b. Sept. 5, 1831; md. Oct. 26, 1853, Sarah E. Wilson, dau. of John Wilson, *q. v.*; resided in this town until 1879, when he removed to Wilmot, Dakota Territory.
- 14 IV. *Susan Todd*, b. March 28, 1833; unmd.; a milliner in New York city.
- 15 V. *Emily Newton*, b. Jan. 29, 1835; md. Stephen C. Hastings, *q. v.*
- 16 VI. *Joshua Todd*, b. May 10, 1837; md. 1860, Eunice L. Whipple; he md. (2d) Dec. 29, 1874, *Elvira* L. Green, dau. of Lewis and Asenath (Butterfield) Green of Antrim, N. H. He resides near the school-house in the ninth district. He served one year in the 25th Regiment.
- 17 VII. *George S.*, b. March 23, 1839; d. Jan. 20, 1847.
- 18 VIII. *Ransom Gibson*, b. July 12, 1841; 53d Regiment; removed to Burlington, N. J.; md. 1865, Martha M. Fox; resides in Burlington, N. J.
- 19 IX. *Sarah Lucinda*, b. Oct. 8, 1843; md. Jan. 10, 1867, Lyman T. Lovewell, son of Isaac and Eliza (Moulton) Lovewell of Gardner; resides in Antrim, N. H.
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- 1 JONATHAN TAYLOR, a son of David and Hannah Taylor, was b. in Bedford Feb. 27, 1729. He md. in Concord Aug. 29, 1754, Mary Jones, and resided in Bedford until he removed to this town in the spring of 1768. He settled on the farm now owned and occupied by his great-grandson, Daniel Wheeler. In 1773 he was an assessor and the following year a selectman. Subsequently he was often elected to positions in town affairs and, during the Revolution his public service was conspicuous. He was

a member of the provincial congress which assembled at Concord in the autumn of 1774, and in 1774, '75 and '76 he was a member of the committee of correspondence. When the Lexington alarm was sounded in this town he bore a musket to the scene of hostilities. His name and that of his eldest son, Jonathan Taylor, Jr., are found on the roll of Capt. Davis' company. During the active years of his life no resident of this town exerted a more salutary influence, and in integrity, candor, patriotism and all the elements of manhood and good citizenship he had no superiors. He d. Oct. 21, 1813, aged 84 years. His wife d. Dec. 21, 1811. Six children b. in Bedford and two in Ashburnham.

- 2 I. *Jonathan*, b. May 29, 1755; md. 1784, Hannah Taylor.
- 3 II. *David*, b. April 23, 1757; md. Martha Bennett.
- 4 III. *Mary*, b. Oct. 3, 1759; d. unmd.
- 5 IV. *Lucy*, b. June 15, 1762; d. unmd. Dec. 16, 1813.
- 6 V. *Sarah*, b. Feb. 19, 1764; md. March 10, 1795, William Wheeler, son of John Wheeler; they resided in New Ipswich.
- 7 VI. *Lydia*, b. July 24, 1766; d. unmd.
- 8 VII. *Elizabeth*, b. Dec. 27, 1768; md. Samuel Wheeler, son of John Wheeler, *q. v.*
- 9 VIII. *Nathan*, b. March 14, 1771.†

- (9) NATHAN TAYLOR, b. March 14, 1771, md. Sept. 15, 1803, Rhoda Marble, dau. of Oliver Marble, *q. v.* He was a thrifty farmer and occupied the farm now of his sons, near the homestead of his father. He was a good citizen and a man of irreproachable character. He d. Oct. 25, 1851, aged 80 years.

- 10 I. *Nathan M.*, b. May 11, 1804; unmd.; a farmer on the homestead.
- 11 II. *Rhoda*, b. July 17, 1805; md. Daniel Wheeler, son of Samuel Wheeler. *q. v.*
- 12 III. *Oliver*, b. Jan. 13, 1807; unmd.; a farmer on the homestead.
- 13 IV. *William*, b. Jan. 17, 1809; d. unmd. Feb. 9, 1836.
- 14 V. *Deborah B.*, b. Nov. 29, 1812; unmd.; resides on the homestead with her brothers.

- 15 PHINEHAS TAYLOR, lineage not traced, with wife Sarah, removed to Ashburnham about 1778. He resided in the south part of the town. He d. in June, 1833. His

widow d. July 29, 1842, aged 83 years. Another record states her death July 29, 1843. The former is probably correct.

- 16 i. *Sarah*, b. April 11, 1779; md. Sept. 3, 1805, Simon Gates, son of Simon and Susan (Reed) Gates of Gardner. Six children b. in Gardner.
- 17 ii. *Molly*, b. Oct. 16, 1780; d. June 3, 1781.
- 18 iii. *Phinehas*, b. June 2, 1782; d. May 6, 1794.
- 19 iv. *Polly*, b. Oct. 16, 1785; d. Nov. 10, 1789.
- 20 v. *Lois*, b. Jan. 17, 1788; d. Feb. 20, 1799.
- 21 vi. *Lucy*, b. Oct. 29, 1790; resided many years in this town; d. in Gardner unmd.
- 22 vii. *Ephraim*, b. July 25, 1793; md. Nov. 2, 1815, Anna Rice, dau. of Reuben Rice, *q. v.*, and resided in this town several years. Two of their five children d. young.
- 23 1. *Martha Ann*, b. Dec. 24, 1819; md. Charles Clark, son of Levi Clark, *q. v.*
- 24 2. *Sarah R.*, b. April 24, 1822; md. John N. Hastings, *q. v.*
- 25 3. *Eunice*, b. May 15, 1824; md. Simeon Merritt, *q. v.*
- 26 viii. *Nathaniel*, b. Dec. 10, 1795; was a merchant in New Orleans, where he d. unmd.
- 27 ix. *Clarissa*, b. May 5, 1798; d. June 26, 1803.
- 28 x. *Milly*, b. June 20, 1801; lived with her sister Lucy; d. unmd. Feb., 1841.

29 CAPT. SAMUEL A. TAYLOR, son of Aaron and Louisa (Crane) Taylor, was b. in Westminster March 23, 1827. His father d. when he was a child and at six years of age he found a home in the family of Nathaniel F. Cutter who was a relative. He was a man of good ability and of unblemished character. In 1860 he was commissioned a lieutenant in the Ashburnham Light Infantry, and the following year he entered the service with his company in the 21st Regiment. Jan. 24, 1862, he was promoted to first lieutenant, and May 28 of the same year he was promoted to captain. He resigned Jan. 13, 1863, and was subsequently an officer in the Fourth Heavy Artillery. He md. Nov. 11, 1852, Julia A. Davis, b. in Templeton March 13, 1831, dau. of Abel and Lucy (Partridge) Davis. He d. July 6, 1869. His widow resides at Pratt, Kansas.

- 30 1. *Charles Austin*, b. March 31, 1856.

31 II. *Willie Davis*, b. Aug. 23, 1858; d. June 23, 1863.

32 III. *Etta Jane*, b. Nov. 2, 1863.

1 HARTWELL TENNEY was b. in Marlboro', N. H., April 4, 1825. He is a son of Archie and Susanna (Jones) Tenney, a grandson of William and Mehitabel (Jones) Tenney of Marlboro', N. H., and a great-grandson of William and Sarah (Proctor) Tenney of Littleton. He removed to this town 1862, where he has since resided. He md. July 18, 1850, Josephine P. Stearns, dau. of Charles Stearns, Esq., *q. v.* Two children b. in Marlboro', N. H., and one in Ashburnham.

2 I. *Nellie Josephine*, b. Sept. 6, 1857; d. July 31, 1859.

3 II. *Charles Stearns*, b. Sept 27, 1860.

4 III. *Mabel Winthrop*, b. July 6, 1863.

TOTTINGHAM.

The families of Tottingham have not been numerous but the name has been continuous on the records for a century. They are descendants of Henry Tottingham who was b. in England and in 1640 was residing in Charlestown. He removed to Woburn and was taxed there in 1645 and continued a residence in that town. The birth of two children of this Henry and his wife Anna Tottingham are recorded in Woburn; of these Elisha Tottingham, b. Feb. 28, 1652, md. Mary —, and lived in Woburn where he d. Nov. 27, 1717. Elisha Tottingham, fifth of the eight children of Elisha, was b. July 22, 1696; also lived in Woburn where he d. March 29, 1743. By wife Rebecca he had six children. The eldest son was Elisha, b. Oct. 18, 1713. He md. May 27, 1736, Sarah Lawrence and lived in Woburn. They are the ancestors of the Ashburnham families.

1 MOSES TOTTINGHAM, b. in Woburn July 22, 1746, was a son of Elisha and Sarah (Lawrence) Tottingham and of the fifth generation of his family in this country. He came to Ashburnham about 1772, and from an early date and perhaps from the time of his arrival he was a blacksmith near the old common. He had many apprentices to whom he taught the mysteries of the trade. The old shop and the burly form of its occupant still live in the traditions of the town. He md. Sept. 8, 1774, Elizabeth Conant, dau. of Ebenezer Conant; she d. Jan. 5, 1777; md. (2d) Oct. 17, 1785, Mary Samson, dau. of Jonathan Samson. He d. Feb. 7, 1831; she d. Dec. 23, 1817.

2 I. *Mary*, b. Oct. 23, 1786.

3 II. *Elizabeth*, b. Feb. 8, 1788; d. Jan. 25, 1795.

4 III. *Sarah*, b. Dec. 13, 1789.

- 5 iv. *Moses*, b. April 18, 1791.+
- 6 v. *Asa*, b. Feb. 24, 1793; d. unmd. Nov. 26, 1880.
- 7 vi. *Ephraim*, b. May 7, 1794; d. Aug. 9, 1795.
- 8 vii. *David*, b. Sept. 18, 1796; lived alone many years
in northwest part of the town; d. unmd. May
23, 1875.
- 9 viii. *Infant*, b. —; d. March 6, 1800.
- 10 ix. *Abraham S.*, b. April 30, 1802.+
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- (5) *MOSES TOTTINGHAM, JR.*, md. —, Olive Bigelow, and
lived in the northwest part of the town. His wife d.
April 19, 1863; he d. Jan. 2, 1867.
- 11 i. *Levi Bigelow*, b. April 11, 1820; md. —, 1845,
Arvilla A. Small, dau. of Joseph Small, *q. v.*
He was a farmer on the Fletcher farm now
occupied by Aaron B. Bixby. He d. —; she
md. (2d) Alpheus Bosworth of Winchendon.
- 12 1. Roswell T., b. —, 1847; d. April 5,
1848.
- 13 2. Omar D., b. March 25, 1849; md. Ellen
Moodis; resides in Oakham.
- 14 3. Emma Ida, b. March 27, 1853; md. Charles
Bosworth, son of Alpheus Bosworth of
Winchendon.
- 15 4. Elmer L., b. Sept. 14, 1857.
- 16 ii. *Lucy*, b. Aug. 24, 1823; d. Sept. 16, 1841.
- 17 iii. *Olive*, b. Sept. 13, 1826; md. Aug. 26, 1847,
Jesse P. Wellman. She d. March 1, 1848.
- 18 iv. *Polly* (twin), b. Sept. 13, 1826; md. Joseph Small,
q. v.
- 19 v. *Harriet*, b. Jan. 9, 1828; md. Isaiah Crosby;
md. (2d) Henry Weeks. She d. in Worcester
about 1870.
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- (10) *ABRAHAM S. TOTTINGHAM* md. —, 1822, Sarah M.
Taft, dau. of Marvin Taft of Whitingham. He resided
in Winchendon a few years but returned to Ashburnham
about 1826, and in — he removed to Westminster,
where he d. Dec. 21, 1880; his wife d. June 27, 1860.
- 20 i. *Henry Edwin*, b. Aug. 15, 1823; md. 1827, Lucy
Bartlett; lived in Keene, N. H., where he d.
March, 1865.
- 21 ii. *Marvin Taft*, b. March 31, 1825; md. Jan. 30,
1851, Ellen Hill, b. in Fitzwilliam, N. H.,
March 9, 1831, dau. of Samuel and Nancy

(Locke) Hill. He is an ornamental painter in Keene, N. H. For several years past an invalid.

- 22 III. *Charles Newton*, b. Sept 11, 1828; md. July 15, 1851, Rhoda M. Titus. He is a manufacturer of carriages and sleighs in Keene, N. H.

- 23 NATHANIEL TOTTINGHAM, who removed to this town 1838, was a grandson of Nathaniel Tottingham who was a brother of Moses of Ashburnham, and a son of Elisha and Sarah (Lawrence) Tottingham. He was b. in Woburn June 10, 1740; md. Aug. 16, 1770, Esther Brown, b. in Lexington Aug. 12, 1743, dau. of Daniel and Anne (Bright) Brown. He removed to Westminster. His son Elisha Tottingham, b. in Westminster March 11, 1773, md. June 20, 1817, Clarissa P. Brown. Their son Nathaniel Tottingham, b. in Westminster March 10, 1818, md. Oct. 6, 1842, Harriet R. Page, b. in Marlow, N. H., March 23, 1824, dau. of Charles and Elizabeth (Warren) Page. He lived after 1838 in this town where he d. May 26, 1874. His widow resides on the homestead in Central Village.

- 24 I. *Henry J.*, b. May 20, 1847. For several years and until 1885, he was a dry goods merchant in Winchendon. He md. June 3, 1869, Ella M. Brown of Clinton.

- 1 JOSHUA TOWNSEND, b. about 1725, and wife Mary removed to Shrewsbury about 1760. They probably lived previously in Westboro'. Their youngest children were b. in Shrewsbury. The homestead by a change in town lines is now in Boylston. In 1780 the family removed to this town and the parents had a home with their son Reuben. He d. Sept. 26, 1804; she d. Dec. 18, 1812.

- 2 I. *Hannah*, b. —; md. Dec. 8, 1773, Richard Murphy of Rutland.
- 3 II. *Priscilla*, b. —; md. Caleb Kendall, *q. v.*
- 4 III. *Abraham*, b. —.+
- 5 IV. *Zilpah*, b. 1757; md. Jonas Rice, *q. v.*
- 6 V. *Reuben*, b. Aug. 23, 1758.+
- 7 VI. *Mary*, b. April 14, 1762.
- 8 VII. *Zipporah*, b. June 24, 1764; md. Oct. 23, 1787, Ozias Partridge.
- 9 VIII. *Lucy*, b. Feb. 19, 1769; md. Hezekiah Corey, *q. v.*
- 10 IX. *Achsah*, b. July 27, 1772; md. Amos Corey, *q. v.*
- 11 X. *Ruth*, b. Oct. 28, 1774; md. Dea. Samuel Ward, *q. v.*

- (4) ABRAHAM TOWNSEND resided in this town from 1780 to 1802. Previous to his removal to this town he served in the Revolutionary army on the Hudson river in 1778. He removed to Berlin, Vt., and was successful in business and respected as a citizen. He md. Jan. 21, 1781, Molly Gardner of Shelburne.

- 12 I. *Molly*, b. April 24, 1783.
- 13 II. *Priscilla*, b. April 5, 1785.
- 14 III. *Naamah*, b. May 17, 1787.
- 15 IV. *Betty*, b. July 18, 1790.
- 16 V. *Abraham*, b. Oct. 25, 1792.
- 17 VI. *Benjamin*, b. July 23, 1799.

- (6) REUBEN TOWNSEND served two or more enlistments in the Revolution. *Vide* page 200. He md. in this town Nov. 5, 1782, Margaret Metcalf, dau. of Joseph Metcalf. He was an intelligent, thoughtful man, a good citizen and his influence at home and abroad was salutary. He d. 1837; his widow d. March 20, 1847.

- 18 I. *Dolly*, b. Jan. 12, 1784; md. John Ward, Jr., *q. v.*
- 19 II. *Eunice*, b. Jan. 16, 1786; md. Joshua Smith, Jr., *q. v.*
- 20 III. *Reuben*, b. Jan. 15, 1788. +
- 21 IV. *Joshua*, b. Oct. 22, 1790; he was engaged in the manufacture of pails on Water street. In 1833 he removed to Rindge and was there a cabinet maker. He md. July 17, 1823, Betsey Kimball, b. Sept. 25, 1796, dau. of William and Abigail (Hamlet) Kimball of Rindge. She d. Nov. 15, 1849; he md. (2d) 1852, Esther Eaton of Lancaster. He d. June 20, 1855; his widow d. June 27, 1855.
- 22 1. Leonard Kimball, b. July 11, 1825; d. July 3, 1836.
- 23 2. Albert, b. Nov. 22; d. Nov. 23, 1827.
- 24 3. Mary, b. April 27, 1830; md. Jan. 6, 1857, Ivers Wellington, b. in Ashby Jan. 12, 1812, son of Liberty and Mary (Lawrence) Wellington. They reside in Rindge.
- 25 4. William Kimball, b. June 10, 1839; d. April 21, 1843.
- 26 V. *Joseph*, b. June 23, 1793; md. Mary Smith. He was a carpenter in Fitchburg.
- 27 VI. *Lucy*, b. July 18, 1800; d. July 20, 1803.

(20) REUBEN TOWNSEND, Esq., during the active years of his life occupied a prominent position in social and public affairs. He was frequently called to positions of trust. He was a selectman many years and twice represented the town in the Legislature. In fair characters the outlines of his life are engraven in the records of the town. Among his fellow-men he was responsive to every call of duty, exact and honest, and in all his relations to the public he was a model citizen. In his youth he was a member of the Ashburnham Light Infantry and was in the service in the War of 1812. Contrasted with his pacific nature and the quiet and peaceful habits of his life, his patriotism in this service is rendered more conspicuous. He d. of paralysis in 1867, aged 79. His father and his grandfather d. at about the same age and of the same disease. He md. July 18, 1815, Sultina Hill, dau. of Isaac Hill, *q. v.*; she d. June 18, 1860; he md. (2d) Matilda (Bolton) Shumway, dau. of Capt. Bolton of Westminster.

28 I. *Sultina Cobleigh*, b. Nov. 10, 1816; d. July 28, 1824.

29 II. *Lucy*, b. July 20, 1818; md. Aug. 24, 1842, Samuel Sawin Coolidge, b. in Gardner Aug. 24, 1813, son of James and Annis (Sawin) Coolidge. Mr. Coolidge was in the employ of E. Murdock, Jr., of Winchendon about ten years, and after a residence of four years in this town, he removed in 184- to Bellows Falls, Vt., where he has been engaged in the manufacture of pails and lumber.

30 1. Arthur, b. Jan. 5, 1844; md. Eliza June Shumway.

31 2. Clement, b. May 12, 1849; d. at Bellows Falls, Vt., July 9, 1861.

32 3. Samuel Joseph, b. April 2, 1855; md. Flora S. Prentice.

33 EDWIN ALONZO TOWNSEND was b. in Mason, N. H., March 24, 1810. He is a son of Samuel, Jr., and Betsey (Nutting) Townsend of Mason and a grandson of Samuel and Hannah (Lawrence) Townsend who removed from Northboro' to Mason, N. H., about 1785. It may prove that Samuel Townsend, who md. Hannah Lawrence, was a son of Joshua Townsend who is No. 1 of this register. Edwin Alonzo Townsend came to this town in childhood and lived with Samuel Dunster whose wife was his aunt.

After a residence of some years in Boston he returned to this town. He md. June 22, 1835, Mercy C. Moore, dau. of Treat and Mercy Moore of Eastham.

- 34 I. *Augusta Maria*, b. Jan. 7, 1839; md. E. G. W. Ladd.
 35 II. *Betsey Wilder*, b. Aug. 22, 1845; md. Luther Seaver of Gardner.

1 JOHN TRIMNAL was a native of England. He md. Margaret Samson, dau. of Jonathan Samson, *q. v.*, and resided a farmer in this town. He d. Oct. 9, 1840; she d. Oct. 19, 1860.

- 2 I. *Mary Ann*, b. Oct. 6, 1823; md. Nov. 14, 1843, George Flint, son of David Flint, and resides in Ashby.
 3 II. *Joseph Rice*, b. Dec. 4, 1824; d. March 4, 1859.
 4 III. *Orisa Woods*, b. April 22, 1828; d. Aug. 23, 1850.
 5 IV. *John Otis*, b. May 2, 1832; d. Jan. 24, 1852.

1 HENRY TUCKERMAN, son of Capt. George W. and grandson of John Tuckerman, was b. in Portsmouth, N. H., Nov. 11, 1814. He removed to this town 1831; md. April 14, 1840, Charlotte Farrar, dau. of John Farrar, *q. v.* He is a farmer in the ninth school district.

- 2 I. *Anna Maria*, b. Nov. 13, 1841; md. Oct. 15, 1868, John E. Wood, b. May 1, 1823, son of David and Mary (Earl) Wood of Rindge.
 3 II. *Arabel Sophia*, b. Aug. 3, 1843; d. Nov. 25, 1865.
 4 III. *Albert Henry*, b. Sept. 3, 1845; served in the Civil War in Fifth Regiment; d. Sept. 4, 1865.
 5 IV. *Eveline Eliza*, b. July 26, 1847; md. June 24, 1874, William Henry Lucas of Worcester; she d. April 13, 1877.
 6 V. *Clarence Earle*, b. Jan. 15, 1849; d. Dec. 29, 1867.
 7 VI. *Florence Malora*, b. Dec. 28, 1850; md. Charles M. Stimson, son of Mirick Stimson, *q. v.*

1 ARTEMAS G. UPHAM, b. in Canton May 25, 1818, son of Charles and Polly (Tilden) Upham, md. in Scituate March 19, 1838, Abigail H. Dexter, b. in Scituate June 29, 1818, dau. of Thomas and Abigail (Cushing) Dexter.

He resided in Lowell and in Pelham, N. H., removing to this town in 1871. He is a farmer at the South Village. His wife d. Nov. 28, 1884.

- 2 i. *Charles T.*, b. June 16, 1839; d. Aug. 17, 1854.
- 3 ii. *Andrew C.*, b. Dec. 12, 1842; md. Dec. 24, 1869,
 Mary Estey, b. in Canton June 27, 1847. He
 resides in Gardner.
- 4 iii. *Sumner H.*, b. Sept. 13, 1845; md. July 31, 1866,
 Sophia E. Cutter, dau. of James Cutter, *q. v.*
 He is a mechanic and resides at South Village.
- 5 iv. *Harlin P.*, b. Dec. 6, 1860; md. May 1, 1884,
 Sadie Muzzy, b. at Chester, Vt., June 10,
 1860. He resides in Gardner.

- 1 **PHILIP VORBACK**, sometimes written Vorpeck, is the most conspicuous personage in the annals of Ashburnham. He did not serve in the Revolution and narrate to succeeding juveniles how fields were won. He was not foremost in public affairs, he was never a highway surveyor or an orator in the annual town meeting. He was neither a deacon, a tithingman, nor even a justice of the peace. In negative qualities he was a peer among the average citizen. But Philip Vorback rode a bear and at once became a hero. Vorback and the bear are dead, but the story of the ride lives on in perpetual youth.

Philip Vorback, considered in the abstract, was a German who came to this country for the sole purpose of earning an honest livelihood. His ambition was moderate and his thirst for fame was quenched in the routine of daily toil. In some way the ride was accidental. There was no coincidence of thought between Vorback and the bear nor is it fair to presume there was collusion. How it chanced that our hero, a man of placid temperament and moderate movements, ever came up with a vigorous bear is the only mystery that surrounds the exploit.

Philip Vorback came to Ashburnham in 1758 and settled near the site of Cushing Academy. He and John Overlock were the only Germans who did not live in the community on Lexington grant. He was one of the original members of the church. His name is occasionally found in the records until 1780. He was not taxed in 1787, the only tax list preserved from 1771 to near the close of the century. There is no tradition or evidence that he removed from the town, and in the fulfilment of his immortal fame there is no record of his death. The name of his wife was Lois and the names of nine children appear in the town and church records.

- 2 I. *Susannah*, b. Nov. 27, 1755.
- 3 II. *Lois*, b. Sept. 19, 1757.
- 4 III. *Philip*, b. March, 1760.
- 5 IV. *John*, b. July 14, 1763.
- 6 V. *Catherine*, b. July 15, 1766.
- 7 VI. *Mary*, b. March 4, 1769.
- 8 VII. *Jacob*, b. July 11, 1771.
- 9 VIII. *Henry*, bap. Nov. 14, 1773.
- 10 IX. *William*, bap. Feb. 16, 1780.

- 1 PROF. JAMES E. VOSE, son of Edward L. and Aurelia (Wilson) Vose and grandson of Dea. Samuel and Mary (Saltmarsh) Vose of Antrim, N. H., was b. July 18, 1836. The ancestry is traced in History of Antrim, and successive generations in Antrim and in Bedford have been distinguished for sterling traits of character, and have been prominent in ecclesiastical and political affairs. Prof. Vose removed to this town 1875. *Vide* page 358. He md. Mary Neville of New Boston, who d. Jan. 6, 1875. He md. (2d) Aug. 11, 1878, Lois E. (Stickney) Rockwood, widow of J. Augustus Rockwood, *q. v.*

WALKER.

CAPT. ZACCHEUS WALKER was a native of Andover. He was an officer in the Revolution and for some time was a member of Washington's Life Guard. During the Revolution his home was in Merrimack. About 1793 he removed to Ashby and about 1801 to New Ipswich, where he d. 1832. His wife Martha d. in Ashby Feb. 22, 1801, and in July, 1801, he md. (2d) Rachel Bigelow, widow of Silas Bigelow of New Ipswich. Danforth Walker, the seventh of his eleven children, was b. in Merrimack July 26, 1785. He md. Betsey Bigelow, dau. of Silas Bigelow, b. Nov. 12, 1788. He resided in New Ipswich, where he d. June 4, 1863; his widow d. Nov. 29, 1868.

- 1 CAPT. ADDISON A. WALKER, son of Danforth and Betsey (Bigelow) Walker, was b. in New Ipswich Sept. 22, 1817. He md. 1840, Susan S. Keyes, b. in Rindge Nov. 18, 1818, dau. of Amos and Eunice (Spofford) Keyes. She d. in Gardner Aug. 21, 1843. Capt. Walker removed to Ashburnham in 1847 and has continued a residence in this town. For many years he was engaged in the firm of Rockwood and Walker in the manufacture of tubs and pails. He has been a selectman several years and has been at all times a loyal citizen. He was a captain in the Civil War, and for several years an officer of the Ashburnham Light Infantry. *Vide* Chapters XVIII and XIX. He md. (2d) Oct. 21, 1847, Rebecca H. Stearns, dau. of Charles Stearns, Esq., *q. v.*

- 2 i. *Susan J.*, b. April 20, 1842; md. Jan. 3, 1872,
James E. Thompson, son of James H. Thompson.
He is a stationer in Fitchburg.

1 DR. MERRICK WALLACE was b. in Oxford April 12,
1808. He was a son of Nahum and Susan (Joslin)
Wallace and a grandson of James Wallace of Douglas.
Nahum Wallace lived in Douglas, Oxford and in Killingly,
Conn. *Vide* page 471. Dr. Wallace md. Fanny Baker,
b. Feb. 2, 1813, dau. of Ezra and Lucy (Priest) Baker
of Gardner. She d. Jan. 31, 1887.

- 2 i. *Merrick W.*, b. Dec. 18, 1831; md. May 20, 1862,
Helen E. Manning, dau. of Ivers B. Manning,
q. v.; resides in Gardner.

- 3 ii. *Lucy F.*, b. Dec. 20, 1833; md. May 15, 1852,
George A. Kendall of Ashby. They reside in
Petersham.

- 4 iii. *Webster W.*, b. May 27, 1836; md. Dec. 10,
1860, Sarah A. Stokes of Lawrence. He d.
of wounds received in the Civil War, July 26,
1864.

- 5 iv. *Henry C.*, b. May 2, 1838; md. Nov. 18, 1880,
Flora A. Capron of Marlboro', N. H.; resides
in Keene, N. H.

- 6 v. *Jennie B.*, b. June 15, 1841; md. Dec. 31, 1863,
Abner J. Barnaby of Providence, R. I.

- 7 vi. *Ellen R.*, b. May 26, 1843; md. May 28, 1862,
William F. Dinwiddie, b. in Harrisburg, Pa.,
Oct. 26, 1838, son of John and Margaret
Dinwiddie and a grandson of Hugh Dinwiddie
of Gettysburg, Pa. He is an ornamental
painter.

8 BRIGHAM WALLACE, a brother of Dr. Merrick Wallace,
was b. in Killingly, Conn., March 9, 1812. He is a
farmer and has resided in this town since 1834. He md.
Lorette Bemis, b. in Westminster Sept. 30, 1805, dau. of
William and Hannah (Derby) Bemis, *q. v.*

- 9 i. *Frank W.*, b. Nov. 27, 1832.†

- 10 ii. *William*, b. Sept. 15, 1838; unmd.; resides in
Ashburnham.

(9) FRANK W. WALLACE md. May 6, 1860, Susan W.
Maynard, dau. of Antipas Maynard, *q. v.* They reside
in Ashburnham Centre.

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| 11 | i. <i>Mellora M.</i> , b. April 17, 1861; md. Sept. 12, 1883, Charles Byron Ross of Hanover, N. H.; reside in Holyoke. |
| 12 | ii. <i>Frank Edward</i> , b. Aug. 3, 1862; md. Sept. 8, 1886, Elizabeth Dolson of New Paltz, N. Y.; reside in New York city. |
| 13 | iii. <i>Lottie E.</i> , b. Aug. 26, 1871. |
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WALLIS.

The early emigrants to America bearing the name of Wallis and Wallace, which were often interchangeable names, were of English and Scotch origin. The Ashburnham family of Wallis is a branch of the Townsend family and while I am unable to trace the lineage to a known emigrant ancestor, the record beginning with 1781 is well established. At this date John Wallis, then a man of middle age, was a resident of Townsend. The first mention of his name appears in a deed of land conveyed to him by John Kemp, Nov. 12, 1781. In March, 1783, he purchased of Thomas Phillips and others a part of the Hathorn farm. See History of Townsend, pages 84 and 62. This title proved worthless, and in consideration of his loss the proprietors of Townsend granted him one hundred and ninety acres, near Mount Grace and not far from the Hathorn purchase. He was a selectman 1747 and was one of the sixteen original members of the church in Townsend. He d. May 20, 1763, aged 87. His will is dated Aug. 1, 1763, and it was entered for probate June 18, 1763. In a deed of land to his son Isaac, dated 1761, he includes the conveyance of "his pew in the Townsend Meeting House in the south side of the house at the left hand of the south door going in," providing that possession should not be given until after his decease. No record of his marriage has been found. His wife Elizabeth, who survived him and d. Jan. 25, 1765, aged 72 years, was the mother of his younger children. It is possible that she was a second wife. In his will he names his wife Elizabeth and six children, and sons of a deceased daughter. The records of Townsend furnish the names of two sons who died young.

- i. John, named in a following paragraph.
- ii. Susannah, was b. 1725 or five years before her parents removed to Townsend; md. June 23, 1742, Jonas Woolson, b. in Cambridge Oct. 1, 1711, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Chadwick) Woolson. They resided in New Ipswich, where he settled previous to his marriage. He d. 1794; she d. 1796, leaving children: (1) Elizabeth, (2) Susannah, (3) Martha and (4) Jonas.
- iii. A daughter, who md. — Conick, and her sons James, David, Jonathan and John, are named in the will of John Wallis, Sen.
- iv. Jonathan, b. about 1730, md. Oct. 7, 1755, Mary Barstow of Hollis. He was proprietors' clerk twenty years, a selectman eleven years and a representative two years. Three of his fourteen children d. in infancy. (1) Elizabeth, md. 1775, Aaron Scott; (2) Sarah, md. Samuel Stone, Jr.; (3) Mary, b. April 14, 1759; md. 1786, Samuel Stevens; d. July 21, 1787; (4) Hannah; (5) Jonathan, md. Abigail Wyman; he d. March 26, 1807; (6) Sybel, md. Benjamin Spaulding; (7) Joseph, md. Hannah Conant; (8) Benjamin, md. Rebecca Whitney; (9) Reuben; (10) Rebecca, md. 1793, John Conant; (11) Asa, b. 1778; md. 1802, Milly Conant. Mary (Barstow) Wallis d. Sept. 6, 1797. He md. (2d) June 7, 1801, Millicent (Farrar) Conant, widow of Daniel Conant. She d. May 3, 1843, aged 87 years.
- v. Matthew, perhaps older than Jonathan, md. Jane — , and in 1763

- was living in Milford, N. H. Three children, Jane, John and Sybel, were bap. in Townsend 1761-5.
- vi. Isaac, md. 1760, Jane Russell and lived in Townsend. He d. Nov. 12, 1817; his wife d. Dec. 4, 1783. Among their children was Isaac Wallis, Jr., who md. 1783, Rebecca Farrar of New Ipswich.
- vii and viii. William and David, who d. young.
- ix. William, youngest child, was bap. 1787.

JOHN WALLIS, JR., removed to Townsend at an early date, and is frequently named in the records. His wife Sarah, who was the mother of his children, d. March 25, 1752. He md. (2d) Feb. 15, 1753, Mary White of Groton; md. (3d) 1759, Martha Pudney of New Ipswich. He d. Sept. 30, 1777, aged 83 years. His wife, Martha, survived him, and in Probate and Registry records is found mention of the following children:

- i. William, who md. Aug. 2, 1747, Eunice Nutting and had sons, Daniel and John.
- ii. Zebediah, who md. Tabitha — and had children, Moses, Sarah, Relief, Abel, and two d. in childhood.
- iii. Relief, who was a tailoress in Fitchburg, and the owner of considerable real estate. She d. unmd. 1781.
- iv. Benoni, who resided in Lunenburg. He md. July 2, 1755, Rebecca Brown of Lynn. He is the immediate ancestor of the Ashburnham and the Ashby families of Wallis. He d. March 15, 1792. His wife d. Aug. 25, 1790.

There were seven children of Benoni and Rebecca (Brown) Wallis, all b. in Lunenburg. I. Benjamin, b. April 15, 1756. *Vide* Wilker register. II. Curwin, b. April 21, 1758. III. David, b. Oct. 16, 1760; md. Susannah Conn and is No. 1 in the following register. IV. Rebecca, b. April 11, 1763; md. 1793, Isaac Walker of Ashby; d. Jan. 27, 1795. V. Ebenezer, b. April 11, 1765. *Vide* page 180. VI. Molly, b. —; md. July, 1784, Asa Kendall, Jr., of Ashby. Twelve children. She d. Sept. 30, 1836. VII. Frederick, b. Oct. 15, 1768; d. young.

NOTE. — It is certain that John Wallis, Sen., who d. May 20, 1763, had a son John who was living in 1762, and there is inferential evidence that John Wallis, Jr., who d. Sept. 30, 1777, was that son. However, there is a tradition in Townsend that John Wallis, Jr., was a nephew of John Wallis, Sen., and if no error appears in the inscriptions on the grave-stones, which are not infallible, their relative age firmly sustains the tradition. Whatever may have been the degree of kinship, record and tradition are unanimous in the assertion that they were men of strong character, and through their occupation of coopers, or barrel makers, as formerly known, they were the pioneers of a thriving industry of Townsend.

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| 1 | DAVID WALLACE, son of Benoni and Rebecca (Brown) Wallis, was b. in Lunenburg Oct. 16, 1760. While a resident of his native town he served three enlistments in the Revolution. <i>Vide</i> page 206. He removed to this town 1786, and was a farmer until late in life. He md. April 11, 1797, Susannah Conn, dau. of John Conn, <i>q. v.</i> He d. Jan. 12, 1842; his widow d. March 24, 1847. Six children. |
| 2 | i. David, b. July 14, 1797. + |
| 3 | ii. James Parks, b. July 27, 1799; md. Lucy Locke, |

- b. Aug. 3, 1797, dau. of Benjamin and Betsey (Wyman) Locke of Lexington. He resided in Cambridge many years and subsequently in Ashby, where he d. May 26, 1870. Three or more children.
- 4 III. *Ruth Davis*, b. Oct. 15, 1806; md. John D. Morton, q. v.; md. (2d) Philip R. Merriam, q. v.
- 5 IV. *John Wyman*, b. Jan. 27, 1809. +
- 6 V. *Lucy Spaulding*, b. March 6, 1814; md. Oct. 30, 1838, Walter Fairbanks, b. in Gardner Jan. 2, 1811, son of Levi Fairbanks, Jr. They resided in Gardner; he d. April 24, 1881; she d. June 7, 1883.
- 7 1. George W., b. July 20, 1841; d. Sept. 6, 1841.
- 8 2. Mary A., b. Aug. 10, 1849; md. Llewellyn L. Atherton. He d. Dec. 30, 1879.
- 9 VI. *Frederick*, b. June 19, 1816; md. May 15, 1839, Fannie Tenney, b. in Marlboro', N. H., Jan. 28, 1819, dau. of Archie and Susannah (Jones) Tenney. He resided in Ashburnham until 1848, when he removed to Marlboro', N. H., where he d. Feb. 26, 1882.
- 10 1. Abbie Frances, b. Jan. 17, 1840; md. Aug. 20, 1857, Hosea B. Knight, b. Oct. 22, 1835, son of Josiah H. and Martha (Mason) Knight of Dublin and Marlboro', N. H. They reside in Winchendon.
- 11 2. Wilber F., b. Nov. 29, 1850; md. Jan. 24, 1874, Ella D. Richardson, b. July 6, 1852, dau. of Darius and Ruth T. (Woodward) Richardson of Marlboro'. He was a farmer on the homestead, and has recently removed to Keene, N. H.
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- (2) DAVID WALLACE, son of David, was the first in this lineage who wrote the name Wallace. A few years previous to 1822 he was a clothier in Fitchburg and, with Charles F. Crosby, owned lands and a mill near the Stone mill, now of Joseph Cushing. Subsequently he was a farmer in New Ipswich and in Rindge, where he d. May 29, 1857. He was an exemplary man and a worthy citizen. He md. Roxanna Gowen of New Ipswich, who, surviving him, d. in Fitchburg Feb. 27, 1876.

- 12 I. *Harriet*, b. Sept. 18, 1821; md. Feb. 12, 1843, Barnard Tenney of New Ipswich. She d. Sept. 7, 1881.
- 13 II. *Rodney*, b. Dec. 21, 1823.†
- 14 III. *David K.*, b. Jan. 24, 1826; md. Huldah Hartwell, dau. of Charles Hartwell of Ashby; she d. June 23, 1874.
- 15 IV. *John A.*, b. Jan. 23, 1829; resides in New York; md. 1859, Susan Jane Drake.
- 16 V. *Charles E.*, b. March 6, 1831; md. June 6, 1857, Elizabeth Gilson of Groton. He resides in New Ipswich.
- 17 VI. *George F.*, b. Nov. 21, 1833; md. Nov. 21, 1859, Maria A. Woodbury, dau. of Nathan Woodbury of Rindge. He d. in Winchendon July 10, 1874.
- 18 VII. *Romanzo A.*, b. Sept. 29, 1836; md. June 25, 1865, Jane S. Morgan. He d. at Savannah, Ga., Nov. 6, 1875.
- 19 VIII. *William E.*, b. March 25, 1839; md. Aug. 28, 1859, Helen A. Hayward of Fitchburg. He resides in Fitchburg, and is an accountant for the Fitchburg Paper Company.
- 20 I. Minnie M., b. Aug. 29, 1861.

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- (5) JOHN W. WALLACE, son of David, md. Nov. 17, 1831, Lucy Blodget, dau. of Elias Blodget, *q. v.* They resided at South Village, where he d. April 19, 1862. His widow resides in this town.
- 21 I. *Hosea C.*, b. May 2, 1837; md. —, 1860, Jennie S. Ackley. He d. by accident Aug. 4, 1883.
 - 22 II. *Lincoln*, b. Jan. 16, 1842; md. Sept. 26, 1868, Sarah Frances Blodget, dau. of James Blodget, *q. v.* They reside at South Village.

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- (13) HON. RODNEY WALLACE, son of David and Roxanna (Gowen) Wallace and grandson of David and Susannah (Conn) Wallace, was b. in New Ipswich Dec. 21, 1823. In his youth his parents removed to Rindge, where at the age of twenty years he was employed by Dr. Stephen Jewett, with whom he remained nine years. For a considerable portion of this time he was engaged in the sale and distribution of the Jewett proprietary medicines which were famous at that time.

In 1852 he removed to Fitchburg, and actively engaged

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in the wholesale trade in books, stationery and paper stock, which was conducted under the firm of Shepley & Wallace and R. Wallace & Co. After several years of successful management of this business, in 1865 with other gentlemen he enlisted in the manufacture of paper under the firm name of the Fitchburg Paper Co. Early in the fifth year of this enterprise he became sole proprietor of the business. He has made large additions of lands and tenements, and has enlarged and improved the mill and its appointments. A new mill was built in 1878 and at this date the daily product of the business is twenty thousand pounds of hanging, glazing and card paper. In whatever enterprise he has engaged he has been fortunate, not only in a pecuniary point of view, but in the prompt command of the confidence and respect of his associates. In him integrity and principle have been closely allied with business tact and a liberal and comprehensive management of large pecuniary interests.

In the direction of the affairs of several monetary and corporate interests, his services have been frequently sought. He has been president and director of the Fitchburg Gas Light Co. since 1864; a director of the Fitchburg National Bank since 1866; for many years a trustee of the Fitchburg Savings Bank; a director of the Fitchburg Mutual Fire Insurance Co.; a partner in the Fitchburg Woollen Mill, and a director of the Putnam Machine Co. and of the Parkhill Manufacturing Co. The past twelve years he has been an influential director of the Fitchburg Railroad Co. and is a trustee of Smith College, Northampton.

His ambition in political affairs has been restrained by the exacting burdens of business and the magnitude of the interests demanding his attention. He was a selectman of the town of Fitchburg, and has several times refused the nomination of his party and of the citizens for mayor. He was a member of the Legislature 1873, and of the Governor's Council 1881, 1882 and 1883. It is an honorable record, yet many men of less worth, less success in business and less usefulness in general affairs, have figured more conspicuously and have rendered less efficient service with greater pomp and ceremony.

By a munificent act Mr. Wallace has presented an enduring demonstration of public spirit and love for his fellow-men. In 1881 he purchased a site conveniently located on Main street. Here he erected a substantial edifice at an expense of nearly \$100,000 and presented it to the city of Fitchburg for the uses of a free public library, reading rooms and galleries of art. Its profit

and usefulness can be computed only by the measure of duration, and as succeeding generations enjoy the strengthening influences of a prudent and thoughtful liberality, they cannot fail to recall and accept the thought of the donor, "that to many of our people these rooms may prove to be a place of rest and profit, and help make the journey of life more pleasant and useful."

Mr. Wallace is courteous and affable in manner and loyal in his friendship. In the reserve of his nature he is restrained from impetuous demonstration, but in every social and public duty his friendship, his influence and his assistance are put forth with commanding effect. If his activities are circumscribed by reason and prudence, his conclusions are deliberately formed and founded upon a comprehensive study of the attending facts. In him are combined diligence and sagacity, and above all a lofty standard of honor and integrity.

Mr. Wallace md. Dec. 1, 1853, Sophia Ingalls, dau. of Thomas and Sophia (Shurtleff) Ingalls of Kindege. She d., leaving two sons, June 20, 1871. He md. (2d) Dec. 28, 1876, Sophia F. (Billings) Bailey of Woodstock, Vt. The sons reside in Fitchburg and are associated with their father in business.

- 23 I. *Herbert I.*, b. Feb. 17, 1856. Harvard University, Class of 1877. He md. Oct. 23, 1879, Amy Louisa Upton of Fitchburg.
- 24 II. *George R.*, b. June 20, 1859; pursued a course of study at the Institute of Technology, Boston. He md. Nov. 10, 1886, Nellie Maria Howland of Fitchburg.

1 FRED W. WALTHER, a native of Germany, md. Dec. 9, 1861, Wilhelmina Bueron and removed to this town. He is a gardener. Two of their five children d. young.

- 2 I. *William F.*, b. March 30, 1864; md. Feb. 18, 1886, Eva R. Reed—see Kelton register.
- 3 II. *Anna*, b. June 3, 1866; d. Oct. 8, 1883.
- 4 III. *Fred*, b. April 15, 1870.

1 CALEB WARD, son of Thaddeus and Lydia (Benjamin) Ward, was b. in Waltham Nov. 22, 1748; bap. Nov. 27. He removed to this town about 1770 and settled where Joseph H. Small now resides, known as the Alvan Ward farm. He was a selectman and his name is frequently met in the records. He md. Jan. 22, 1772, Rebecca Foster, dau. of Jeremiah Foster, *q. v.* He d. June 20,

1813, aged 65 years; she d. March 22, 1831, aged 81 years. To the record of her death Rev. George Perkins appends, "She has lived in this town 77 years and about 60 years in the house in which she died."

- 2 I. *Samuel*, b. Dec. 22, 1772. +
- 3 II. *Sarah*, b. Oct. 27, 1774; md. May 25, 1806,
Thomas Piper; lived in Weston, Vt.
- 4 III. *Rebecca*, b. 1776; d. Nov. 23, 1780.
- 5 IV. *Caleb*, b. Aug. 6, 1778. +
- 6 V. *Nahum*, b. Aug. 7, 1780; resided some years in
Peterboro', N. H., and subsequently joined the
Mormons.
- 7 VI. *Jacob*, b. Nov. 22, 1782. +
- 8 VII. *Jonas*, b. Feb. 15, 1785; md. Dec. 24, 1812,
Susan F. Thurston, b. Sept. 18, 1792, dau. of
Nathan and Sally (Campbell) Thurston of
Oxford. They lived in Oxford.
- 9 VIII. *Rebecca*, b. Sept. 14, 1788; md. Ezra Lawrence,
q. v.
- 10 IX. *Lucy*, b. July 28, 1790; md. March 14, 1815,
Samuel Wilson, and lived in Nelson, N. H.

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- (2) DEA. SAMUEL WARD was a farmer in this town and during the winter season for some years he was a school-teacher. He was chosen a deacon of the Congregational church in 1817 and was continued in office until 1843. He md. April 15, 1799, Ruth Townsend, b. Oct. 28, 1774, dau. of Joshua Townsend and a sister of Reuben Townsend, Sen., *q. v.* He d. May 18, 1845; she d. Oct. 16, 1850.

- 11 I. *Alvan*, b. April 26, 1800. +
- 12 II. *Sylvia*, b. Sept. 22, 1801; md. Dea. Gilman
Jones, *q. v.*

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- (5) CALEB WARD, son of Caleb, md. July 26, 1810, Mary Rice, dau. of Jonah Rice, *q. v.* He was a farmer and in his younger years a school-teacher. He d. Aug. 6, 1833; his widow md. (2d) Jonathan Winchester, Jr., *q. v.*

- 13 I. *Myra*, b. Sept. 5, 1811; md. Abel Farwell, *q. v.*
- 14 II. *Ede*, b. Nov. 19, 1814; md. Addison Howe, *q. v.*
- 15 III. *Mary*, b. Sept. 15, 1818; md. Christopher Jones,
q. v.; md. (2d) Addison Bancroft; d. March
19, 1869.
- 16 IV. *Emma*, b. July 2, 1820; md. April 6, 1842, John
Barrett of Ashby.

- 17 v. *Stephen*, b. Jan. 12, 1823; md. Nov. 2, 1849, Mary Ann Farrington, b. in Boston April 4, 1823. He is a farmer on the Jacob Ward farm at North Village.
- 18 vi. *Cynthia Avesta*, b. Nov. 19, 1825; md. April 20, 1851, Alpheus Swallow; live in Dunstable.
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- (7) JACOB WARD, son of Caleb, md. March 29, 1810, Sally Whitmore, dau. of Isaac Whitmore, *q. v.* He was a farmer and was also engaged in the manufacture of chair stock and wood ware. He was in the War of 1812. He d. Jan. 12, 1852; his widow d. Jan. 17, 1859.
- 19 i. *Alvan Foster*, b. Aug. 14, 1810; md. Jan. 29, 1837, Elzina E. Manning, dau. of Solomon Manning, Jr., *q. v.*
- 20 ii. *Caleb Burbank*, b. May 6, 1813; md. July 3, 1839, Abigail Mixer, b. Oct. 13, 1815, dau. of Charles and Mehitabel (Smith) Mixer of Rindge. He resided in Rindge until 1845 and subsequently in Dedham.
- 21 iii. *Salem Town*, b. Jan. 21, 1815; md. Mary Ann Kendall of Nashua, N. H.
- 22 iv. *Jacob V.*, b. Sept. 17, 1816; md. Nov. 30, 1848, Harriet L. Fairbanks, dau. of Jacob Fairbanks, *q. v.*; she d. Nov. 29, 1852.
- 23 v. *Isaac Dennis*, b. Oct. 27, 1817.+
- 24 vi. *Oren Prentice*, b. Aug. 14, 1819; md. Ruth Kendall of Wilmington.
- 25 vii. *Martin Newton*, b. March 19, 1821; md. Dec. 7, 1845, Lucy D. Lewis of Wilmington; lived in Rindge where he d. Dec. 24, 1883.
- 26 viii. *Lewis Kimball*, b. March 24, 1823; md. Sept. 22, 1845, Sarah H. Keyes, dau. of Samuel Keyes, *q. v.*
- 27 ix. *Quincy Remus*, b. June 6, 1825; md. Feb. 14, 1852, Isabel Goodwin; resides in Woburn.
- 28 1. *Mason E.*, b. Aug. 21, 1853; md. Aug. 20, 1884, Mary White.
- 29 2. *Winfield Scott*, b. May 3, 1861; graduate Tufts College 1883. Principal of High School, Hollis, N. H., one year; since 1884 instructor in Cushing Academy. He md. March 12, 1885, M. Jennie Cameron.
- 30 x. *Harriet Zula*, b. Feb. 10, 1827; md. April 12, 1849, Abijah Hinds of Gardner.

HISTORY OF ASHBURNHAM.

- 31 xi. *Levi Lincoln*, b. Nov. 2, 1828; md. *Anna Grey* of
Hallowell, Me.
- 32 xii. *Elsie Salina*, b. April 21, 1830; md. *George E.*
Lewis of Peabody.
- 33 xiii. *Waldo Webster*, b. April 15, 1832; md. *Sophro-*
nia Tuttle of Chester, Vt.
- 34 xiv. *Zoa L.*, b. May 28, 1832; md. June 1, 1853,
Lowell F. White, son of *William* and *Mary G.*
(*Wilson*) *White* of Deering, N. H. They reside
in Hillsboro', N. H. One son.
- 35 1. *Frank L.*, b. June 18, 1865.

(11) *ALVAN WARD*, son of *Dea. Samuel Ward*, md. Oct.
23, 1823, *Eusebia Russell*. b. in Rindge Sept. 14, 1797,
dau. of *Eliakim* and *Sarah* (*Converse*) *Russell*. He was
a farmer and for several years he was engaged in the
manufacture of chair stock. He d. June 20, 1869; his
widow d. Aug. 24, 1875.

- 36 i. *Mary Ann T.*, b. Dec. 17, 1824; md. *Calvin*
Dows. He d. Feb. 18, 1874.
- 37 ii. *George P.*, b. Aug. 18, 1826; md. July 22, 1849,
Eunice K. Wood, dau. of *Jonathan Wood*, *q. v.*
He served in 14th New Hampshire Volunteers;
resides in Troy, N. H.
- 38 iii. *Achsa C.*, b. Aug. 12, 1828; md. *Milton Brooks*,
q. v.
- 39 iv. *Ivers*, b. Feb. 18, 1830; d. Dec. 28, 1831.
- 40 v. *Franklin W.*, b. July 19, 1833; resides in
Winchendon. He is a job printer and pro-
prietor and editor of *The Winchendon Courier*.
He md. *Sophronia Stone*.
- 41 vi. *Marcus L.*, b. March 12, 1834; md. *Julia A.*
Muzzey of Winchendon.
- 42 vii. *William L. G.*, b. Aug. 15, 1835; md. *Abigail*
Bride.
- 43 viii. *Angeline G.*, b. Feb. 15, 1839; md. *John Baldwin*.
He was killed in the service. May 2, 1863.
She md. (2d) *Henry C. Whitcomb*; she d.
Aug. 24, 1867.

(23) *ISAAC D. WARD* md. Oct. 31, 1843, *Rebecca A.*
Cushing, dau. of *Laban Cushing*, *q. v.* They reside at
North Village, where he has been engaged in the manu-
facture of wood ware and has been an assessor and
selectman several years. In town and parish affairs he
has been an active and influential citizen.

- 44 i. *Flora E.*, b. April 27, 1845; md. Charles E. Woodward, *q. v.*
 45 ii. *Ella M.*, b. April 13, 1847; md. La Roy Butler, *q. v.*
 46 iii. *Lelia A.*, b. Aug. 7, 1849; d. March 12, 1850.
 47 iv. *Effie A.*, b. Jan. 19, 1855; md. Dec. 16, 1880, Frank H. Rideout of Fitchburg. They reside in Gardner.

48 WILLIAM WARD, a brother of Caleb, was b. in Waltham July 5, 1757; bap. July 17. He came to this town in his youth and after a few years settled near Ward pond. He served several enlistments in the Revolution which are stated in Chapters V and VI. He md. March 7, 1787, Mrs. Sarah (Draper) Brooks. He d. Dec. 5, 1846; she d. March, 1835.

- 49 i. *William*, b. March 7, 1788.+
 50 ii. *Lydia*, b. Feb. 19, 1790; md. May 23, 1839, Benjamin Blaney; lived in this town, where she d. March 3, 1857. Several children but no record is received.
 51 iii. *Nathaniel Draper*, b. June 10, 1793.+
 52 iv. *Thaddeus*, b. Nov. 12, 1795; d. unmd. about 1868.
 53 v. *Jesse*, b. Feb. 14, 1798; *non comp.*; d. Jan. 12, 1856.
 54 vi. *Benjamin*, b. April 1, 1801.+

(49) WILLIAM WARD resided a few years in Marlboro', N. H., but settled in Plainfield, N. H., where he was a farmer and a merchant. He was a respected citizen and a deacon of the Congregational church. He md. March 6, 1817, Rebecca Barrett, b. May 26, 1789, dau. of Joseph and Sarah (Brooks) Barrett of Mason, N. H.; md. (2d) 1826, Rebecca Boynton of Mason, N. H. He d. Feb. 8, 1863.

- 55 i. *William B.*, b. May 8, 1818; md. April 5, 1853, Maria P. Fuller; a farmer in Plainfield, N. H.
 56 ii. *Rebecca*, b. 1822; md. Norman Smith of Lempeter, N. H.; d. 1864.
 57 iii. *Sarah*, b. 1824; md. George C. Freeman of Plainfield, N. H.
 58 iv. *Benjamin F.*, b. 1827; a merchant in Plainfield, N. H.; md. Edna S. Davis; md. (2d) Elizabeth P. Spalding.

- 59 v. *Alfred*, b. 1828; a farmer in *Spring Lake, Mich.*; md. March 17, 1859, *Mary E. Burnap* of Plainfield, N. H.
- 60 vi. *Cyrus*, b. April 1, 1830; a baker in *Springfield, Vt.*; md. *Martha W. Thornton*.

(51) **NATHANIEL DRAPER WARD**, son of *William*, md. 1816, *Betsey Haven*, dau. of *Jonathan Haven*, *q. v.* He lived in the south part of the town. He d. Oct. 18, 1859; his widow d. Sept. 22, 1877. Two of their eleven children d. in infancy.

- 61 i. *Benjamin Sabin*, b. Oct. 9, 1817; d. in *New Orleans, La.*, Oct. 31, 1841.
- 62 ii. *Martha*, b. Nov. 26, 1819; md. *Amos F. Lane*, *q. v.*
- 63 iii. *Mary*, b. Jan. 22, 1821; md. *Stephen Wood*, *q. v.*
- 64 iv. *Nancy*, b. Aug. 12, 1823; md. *Elijah Haven*, *q. v.*
- 65 v. *Elmira*, b. April 15, 1825; d. May 25, 1844.
- 66 vi. *Horace Parker*, b. March 27, 1827; md. May 27, 1850, *Elizabeth O'Farye*; resides in *Sterling, Minn.*
- 67 vii. *Lucinda*, b. Feb. 17, 1829; resides unmd. at *Honolulu, Sandwich Islands*.
- 68 viii. *George Washington*, b. June 2, 1832; md. July 23, 1860, *Phebe A. Cole*; resides at *Garden City, Minn.*
- 69 ix. *Charles Leicis*, b. July 5, 1834; md. April 29, 1857, *Sarah Jane Clare*, who d. June 8, 1867; md. (2d) *Sarah Norman*; resides in *Kansas*. Formerly he was a magistrate and postmaster in *Minnesota*. In the *Civil War* he served in *Fifth Iowa Cavalry*.

(54) **BENJAMIN WARD** was a farmer in this town. He owned and occupied the farm near the homestead of his father, now of *Laban W. Wright*. He md. Nov. 29, 1838, *Melinda Lane*, dau. of *Benjamin Lane*, *q. v.* He d. Sept. 16, 1860; his wife d. Feb. 25, 1855.

- 70 i. *Elliot Benjamin*, b. March 6, 1840; drowned Aug. 8, 1857.
- 71 ii. *Henry William*, b. Dec. 16, 1841; he is a farmer in *Greeley, Col.*; md. April 29, 1874, *Hattie H. Orr*. Two children.
- 72 iii. *Edwin Franklin*, b. Dec. 27, 1843; he is farming and sheep raising in *Greeley, Col.*; unmd.

- 73 *iv. Sarah Isabel*, b. May 16, 1847; md. March 19, 1868, Lemuel Whitney, son of Dwell Whitney, *q. v.*

74 JOHN WARD, b. in Sutton June 10, 1746, was a son of Jonas and Abigail (Child) Ward. He lived in Westminster near the line of Ashburnham, and died in that town, but in social relations he was intimately connected with the people of this town. He was a member of the church in Ashburnham, his children were baptized by Mr. Cushing, and the deaths in his family are recorded in the church records. The farm was annexed to this town many years ago and is now owned by John G. Woodward. He md. —, 1774, Mindwell Harrington, who d. Sept. 18, 1782; md. (2d) Oct. 4, 1784, Copiah Rice, b. Aug. 17, 1747, dau. of Silas and Copiah (Broughton) Rice of Westboro'. He d. Sept. 24, 1813; his widow d. March 25, 1844, aged 96, recorded 98.

- 75 *i. Sarah*, b. June 19, 1775; md. John Flagg; resided in Worcester.

- 76 *ii. Polly*, b. Oct. 12, 1777; md. July 3, 1820, John Woodward, son of Nathaniel Woodward; lived in Westminster. John G. Woodward of Ashburnham is their son.

- 77 *iii. Betty* (twin), b. Oct. 12, 1777; md. John Croxfield and resided in Barre, Vt.

- 78 *iv. John*, b. May 14, 1780. +

- 79 *v. Jonas*, b. July 19, 1782; md. Anna Child and lived in Westminster. She md. (2d) Americus Amsden of Windsor, Vt.

- 80 *vi. Lucy*, b. Dec. 8, 1785; d. young.

- 81 *vii. Copia*, b. May 24, 1789; md. John Mossman, *q. v.*

- 82 *viii. Silas*, b. July 22, 1791. +

(78) JOHN WARD, JR., md. April 9, 1811, Dolly Townsend, dau. of Reuben Townsend, *q. v.* He resided on the homestead, and by the change in town lines became a citizen of Ashburnham in 1824. He d. April 27, 1843; she d. July 5, 1857.

- 83 *i. Mary*, b. May 21, 1812; md. John G. Woodward, *q. v.*

(82) SILAS WARD, son of John, md. —, 1815, Diedama Mossman, dau. of Matthias Mossman, *q. v.* They resided in Westminster. He d. May 29, 1881; she d. Nov. 7, 1879.

- 84 I. *Susanna F.*, b. Oct. 13, 1817; d. Nov. 21, 1856.
 85 II. *Horace*, b. Aug. 24, 1824; d. Nov. 5, 1849.
 86 III. *Sarah F.*; b. Dec. 5, 1831; md. John M. Pratt,
 q. v.
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1 SAMUEL WARREN md. Anna Merriam, b. Oct. 10,
 1753, dau. of Samuel and Anna (Whitney) Merriam of
 Lexington. He removed to this town about 1778. An
 infant, perhaps Rebecca, d. July 10, 1777. He d. April
 20, 1778, aged 27; she md. (2d) Dea. Jacob Harris,
 q. v.

- 2 I. *Rebecca*, b. Feb. 28, 1775.
 3 II. *Anna*, b. April 27, 1778.
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1 COL. JEHIEL WATKINS was b. in Chester, Vt., July 28,
 1796. He md., about 1821, Priscilla Earle of Chester,
 Vt. She was b. Aug. 12, 1799. After a brief residence
 in Ashby they removed to this town in 1823. He was a
 lieutenant and captain of the militia from 1824 to 1828;
 subsequently he held commissions of major, lieutenant-
 colonel, and colonel of the regiment. In town affairs he
 was a man of influence and was frequently elected to
 office. He d. Sept. 7, 1857; his widow d. Jan. 13, 1882.
 They had one adopted child.

- 2 I. *Sarah Helen Ingraham*, b. in Chester, Vt., 1841;
 md. Francis A. Whitney, q. v.
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1 JACOB WENNING, also written Winning and Wenneg,
 came to this town from Chelmsford in 1770, and removed
 to Westford in 1773. He was of Irish parentage and his
 residence in this town was not of sufficient duration to
 lead to mention were it not for the purpose of correcting
 a tradition that he was one of the Germans. He was a
 blacksmith and lived where Alden B. Marble now resides.
 The name of his wife was Eleanor. She was possibly a
 second wife.

- 2 I. *Jacob*, b. ——.
 3 II. *Susannah*, b. ——.
 4 III. *Henry*, b. ——.
 5 IV. *Mary*, bap. June 27, 1772.
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1 JAMES WESTON was b. in Woburn 1773. He was a son
 of John and Mary Atwood Weston, grandson of Isaac
 and Elizabeth Pratt Weston, great-grandson of Stephen
 and Sarah (Townsend) Weston and great-great-grand-

son of John and Sarah (Fitch) Weston of Salem. James Weston md. in Woburn 1797, Rhoda Reed, dau. of Jonas Reed, *q. v.* He removed to Ashburnham about 1800, and probably in company with the Reed family who came at that time. He d. July, 1837; his widow d. a few years subsequently.

- 2 I. *Rhoda*, b. Aug. 15, 1798; md. Abel Sawyer, *q. v.*
- 3 II. *Susan*, b. Sept. 15, 1800; md. Nov. 22, 1826,
 Arrington Gibson of Fitchburg.
- 4 1. Emerson, b. Sept. 15, 1830; md. Sept.
 14, 1859, Hattie A. Wilbur; residence
 Brattleborough, Vt.
- 5 2. Albert A., b. Feb. 4, 1832; md. Jennie
 McCoy; residence Omaha, Neb.
- 6 3. Susan A., b. Jan. 22, 1835; md. Sept
 27, 1858, George E. Bryant, son of
 George W. and Eunice (Norcross)
 Bryant of Fitzwilliam. He is a lawyer
 in Madison, Wis.
- 7 III. *Elijah*, b. May 23, 1804; md. 1846, Mrs. Hannah
 R. Wood of Winchendon. He d. in this town.
- 8 IV. *James Allan*, b. March 9, 1810.+
- 9 V. *Amos*, b. April 22, 1817; md. 1843, Rebecca
 Wheeler of New Ipswich; d. in New Ipswich.
- 10 VI. *Harriet N.*, b. Nov. 3, 1820; md. Dec. 23, 1841,
 Charles Taylor, b. in New Ipswich March 21,
 1820, son of Samuel and Persis (Jones) Taylor
 (Jones register), resided in New Ipswich where
 she d. 1867; he md. (2d) Mary L. Gipson,
 widow of Henry Gipson, *q. v.*
- 11 • 1. Clinton C., b. Nov. 27, 1842; d. Oct. 17,
 1861.
- 12 2. Henrietta M., b. July 16, 1844.
- 13 3. Myron, b. July 31, 1846; md. Elizabeth
 Crosby; residence in Boston; chief clerk
 Boston and Lowell Railroad.
- 14 4. Marianna, b. Feb. 17, 1849; d. Feb. 26,
 1851.
- 15 5. Emma, b. Feb. 20, 1854; md. Sept. 3,
 1878, Frank Herbert Hardison, b. in
 Rindge Sept. 3, 1849, son of Samuel J.
 and Louisa (Hastings) Hardison. He
 is editor of *Greenfield Gazette and*
 Courier.

- 16 6. Carrie, b. Jan. 22, 1857; md. July 2, 1883, Frederick S. Maynard of Wilton, N. H. He d. June 23, 1886; she d. Aug. 25, 1886.

(8) JAMES A. WESTON md. Dec. 24, 1835, Elizabeth S. Borman, b. in Winchendon Feb. 27, 1815, dau. of Charles Borman. They resided in this town until 1848 when they removed to New Ipswich, where he d. Aug. 18, 1852; she md. (2d) Ebenezer Blake of Rindge.

- 17 i. Harlan Marcellus, b. Nov. 4, 1836; d. Oct. 20, 1838.
- 18 ii. Mary Elizabeth, b. Oct. 31, 1839; md. Edwin J. Stearns, q. v.
- 19 iii. Harlan A., b. May 9, 1844; d. June 6, 1847.
- 20 iv. Ellen M., b. June 22, 1848; md. May 27, 1874, Frank E. Wellington, b. in Rindge May 27, 1852, son of Gilman P. and Mary Ann (Jones) Wellington. They reside in Leominster.
- 21 v. Charles A., b. April 29, 1850; d. Aug. 30, 1867.
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1 ETHAN WETHERBEE md. Dec. 31, 1775, Lucretia Adams, dau. of Capt. Thomas Adams, q. v., and removed from Cambridge to this town in 1776 or 1777. It is suggested that he was the landlord of the historic Black Horse Inn in Menotomy, where the Committee of Safety held meetings in April, 1775, and where Gerry, Orne and Lee witnessed by moonlight the march of the British troops on their advance toward Lexington and Concord. In the names of his children appear Samuel Cook, Abigail Bowman and Betsey Sanders, which are suggestive to persons conversant with the annals of Menotomy. In 1787 Mr. Wetherbee appears to be residing in Medford, but with little exception he lived in this town and is frequently named in the records until 1798, when he sold his farm to Isaac Hill and removed to Keene, N. H. The births of his children are not recorded, but Mr. Cushing found frequent employment in the baptism of a numerous progeny.

- 2 i. Betsey Sanders, bap. July 27, 1777.
- 3 ii. Abigail Bowman, bap. April 18, 1779.
- 4 iii. Samuel Cook, bap. May 27, 1781.
- 5 iv. Lucretia, bap. May 25, 1783.
- 6 v. Simon Peter, bap. May 6, 1785.
- 7 vi. David, bap. July 25, 1790.
- 8 vii. Jonathan (twin), bap. July 25, 1790.

- 9 VIII. *Ethan*, bap. July 25, 1790.
 - 10 IX. *Lydia*, bap. July 29, 1792; d. June 7, 1794.
 - 11 X. *Lydia*, bap. July 6, 1794.
 - 12 XI. *Mary*, bap. Sept. 25, 1796.
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- 13 PHINEHAS WETHERBEE, probably from Stow, came to Ashburnham about 1765. He md. (Int.) June 7, 1767, Hannah Whitney of Stow. In 1776 the family removed to Stow.
- 14 I. *Betty*, b. Nov. 9, 1768.
 - 15 II. *Catherine*, b. Dec. 16, 1770.
 - 16 III. *Dolly*, b. Feb. 21, 1773.
 - 17 IV. *Hannah*, b. March 20, 1775.
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- 18 AMOS WETHERBEE md. in Ashburnham Nov. 26, 1789, Sarah Foster and removed about 1800 to Cavendish, Vt.
- 19 I. *Abel*, b. June 16, 1790.
 - 20 II. *Stephen*, b. Nov. 21, 1791.
 - 21 III. *Sarah*, b. Dec. 24, 1793.
 - 22 IV. *Lydia*, b. Dec. 7, 1795.
 - 23 V. *Amos*, b. March 6, 1798; md. Aug. 31, 1824, Sarah Maynard, a sister of Antipas Maynard; resided in Lowell.
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- 24 DEA. JOSEPH WETHERBEE, son of Joseph and Mary (Farr) Wetherbee, was b. in Ashby Dec. 4, 1810. He was a chairmaker in this town and a deacon of the Union church. He md. April 18, 1844, Mary E. Fletcher, dau. of Joshua Fletcher, *q. v.* He d. Aug. 13, 1847. She md. (2d) Aug. 7, 1852, George W. Todd of Rindge. Two children b. in Ashburnham.
- 25 I. *Prescott W.*, b. Feb. 1, 1847; d. Feb. 22, 1847.
 - 26 II. *Joseph F.*, b. Jan. 8, 1848; md. 1872, Arabella S. Nichols, dau. of Thomas S. Nichols of Peterboro'; resides in Fitchburg.
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- 27 MARSHALL WETHERBEE, son of Josiah and Clarissa (Sawtell) Wetherbee, was b. in Rindge June 30, 1817. The lineage of the Wetherbee and Sawtell families is traced in the History of Rindge. Mr. Wetherbee removed to this town in 1844, and the following year he purchased a livery property and has successfully continued the business to the present time. He was a deputy-sheriff twelve years and has been a State constable. In town affairs he

has been employed many years as collector, constable, overseer of the poor and selectman. He is a director of the First National Bank and a trustee of the Savings Bank of Gardner. He md. Oct. 13, 1842, Marinda Whitaker, dau. of Levi and Eunice (Tarbell) Whitaker of Mason, N. H.

- 28 I. *George M.*, b. Dec. 25, 1843; md. March 3, 1863, Mary Ellen Livingston; he served in the 21st Regiment.
- 29 II. *Charles H.*, b. June 2, 1847; d. Sept. 22, 1847.
- 30 III. *Charles H.*, b. Oct. 2, 1848; d. Sept. 6, 1849.
- 31 IV. *Sidney J.*, b. Jan. 8, 1851; md. March, 1872, Hattie M. Farwell of Mason, N. H.; he d. Sept. 23, 1883; she md. (2d) W. Fred. White.
- 32 V. *Charles P.*, b. Nov. 4, 1852; resides in this town.
- 33 VI. *Clara J.*, b. Sept. 7, 1854; d. Aug. 28, 1868.
- 34 VII. *Emma J.*, b. Sept. 28, 1856; md. May 26, 1880, Otis H. Norcross, b. May 8, 1851, son of Joshua and Calista K. (Cooper) Norcross of Rindge; reside in Rindge.
- 35 VIII. *William II.*, b. Sept. 5, 1858; resides in Greenfield.

36 BENJAMIN E. WETHERBEE was b. in Brookline, N. H., July 4, 1821. He is a son of Benjamin and Hannah (Wadsworth) Wetherbee and a grandson of Timothy Wetherbee of Mason, N. H. He md. May 25, 1847, Sarah Helen Bruce, b. April 29, 1825, dau. of Silas and Melinda Bruce of Templeton, and resided some years in Townsend where he was a town officer, and in 1854 a representative to the Legislature. He removed to this town 1860 and has been engaged in the manufacture of chairs and bent chair stock. He resides on the John Willard farm. In this town he has been frequently elected to office.

- 37 I. *Eloise Helen*, b. June 22, 1856; a music teacher.

1 SAMUEL WHEELER, son of John Wheeler, b. Aug. 11, 1762, md. in Ashburnham May 7, 1793, Elizabeth Taylor, dau. of Jonathan Taylor, *q. v.* He lived on the Clary farm in New Ipswich, where he d. Feb. 14, 1839.

2 DANIEL WHEELER, son of Samuel, b. in New Ipswich July 1, 1800, md. April 3, 1823, Rhoda Taylor, dau. of Nathan Taylor, *q. v.* He was a farmer in this town residing on the farm now of his son Daniel. He d. April 3, 1848; she d. Dec. 4, 1848.

- 3 i. *Samuel*, b. March 15, 1824; md. May 5, 1853,
Permelia Whitney. He is a carpenter in New
Ipswich.
- 4 ii. *Rhoda*, b. Jan. 31, 1826; md. Dec. 6, 1856,
Jonathan Coburn of New Ipswich.
- 5 iii. *Daniel*, b. Jan. 25, 1828; md. Dec. 4, 1860, Mary
Drinan. He is a farmer on the homestead.
- 6 1. Mary Elizabeth, b. April 24, 1862; md.
1886.
- 7 2. Nathan Taylor, b. March 17, 1864.
- 8 iv. *George*, b. April 30, 1830.
- 9 v. *Elizabeth*, b. Dec. 14, 1832; md. May 6, 1858,
William Jeffrey; reside in Hudson.
- 10 vi. *John*, b. Oct. 9, 1835; d. Sept. 10, 1837.
- 11 vii. *Lois*, b. Jan. 31, 1840.

12 CAPT. ASAHEL WHEELER, b. 1814, came to this town
in youth. He md. Oct. 6, 1836, Susan S. Lawrence, dau.
of Capt. Jeremiah Lawrence. She d. Aug. 28, 1845;
md. (2d) Feb., 1846, Eliza (Wright) Carlton, widow of
John Carlton and dau. of Abel Wright, *q. v.* He d.
1855; his widow d. in Ashby. Capt. Wheeler was a
member of the Ashburnham Light Infantry and an officer
seven years. He was commissioned captain in 1844.

13 i. *Asahel*, b. Sept. 8, 1839. He was in the service
in the Civil War and was a captain of 21st and
of 61st Regiments. *Vide* page 445. After the
war he was the first captain of the Rice Guards.
Nearly twenty years ago Capt. Wheeler removed
to Fitchburg and was of the police of that city
several years. He md. 1861, Lydia A. Win-
ship, dau. of Sylvester and Lucy (Munroe)
Winship; she d. July 28, 1862; he md. (2d)
Sarah J. Beckwith of Fitchburg.

1 RUSSELL WHIPPLE, a son of Otis and Amy (Harkness)
Whipple, was b. in Richmond, N. H., Jan. 22, 1820. He
md. 1840, Mary Scollay, dau. of Grover Scollay, *q. v.*
During the ensuing twenty years they resided in Ash-
burnham, in Royalston, Richmond, N. H., New Ipswich,
Winchendon and again in Ashburnham. He enlisted in
the 53d Regiment and was killed at Port Hudson, June
14, 1863; she d. Nov. 11, 1882.

2 i. *Eunice L.*, b. March 19, 1841.

- 3 II. *George W.*, b. Sept. 21, 1842; md. 1867, *Laura*
Barrett, dau. of Townsend Barrett, *q. v.*
 - 4 III. *Frederick R.*, b. July 6, 1844; md. 1868, *Emily*
Barrett, dau. of Townsend Barrett, *q. v.*
 - 5 IV. *Charles N.*, b. Sept. 17, 1845; md. 1868, *Nancy*
M. James.
 - 6 V. *James A.*, b. Oct. 16, 1847.
 - 7 VI. *Joseph A.*, b. Jan. 11, 1851.
 - 8 VII. *Emma A.*, b. Aug. 10, 1853; md. — Paulding.
 - 9 VIII. *Sarah E.*, b. May 14, 1855.
 - 10 IX. *Ella J.*, b. April 27, 1857.
 - 11 X. *Martha L.*, b. Aug. 17, 1859.
 - 12 XI. *Moulton H.*, b. Aug. 12, 1862.
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1 WILLIAM WHITCOMB, with wife Hannah and several children, came from Harvard to this town in 1762. At the organization of the town in 1765, he was elected town clerk. This office he filled only two years, but he was subsequently elected moderator, selectman, and for a number of years he was among the foremost men in the town. He was frequently chosen on committees during the Revolution, and in 1783 he was a representative to the General Court. He d. Dec. 3, 1792. The records furnish very little information of this family and it is not known how many children there were nor the order of age of the following.

- 2 I. *Elias*, b. —. +
 - 3 II. *Oliver*, b. —; md. Oct. 16, 1770, *Dorcas*
Dickinson, q. v.
 - 4 III. *Lucy*, b. —; md. *Simeon Brooks, q. v.*
 - 5 IV. *Pernia*, b. —; md. *Isaac Blodgett, q. v.*
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- (2) ELIAS WHITCOMB md. Aug. 9, 1781, *Dinah Brooks* and resided in this town until 1800, when he removed to Ashby. His wife d. 1806; he md (2d) 1807, *Sally Bonner* of Hancock, N. H.

- 6 I. *Relief*, b. Oct. 30, 1781; md. *Elias Blodgett, q. v.*
- 7 II. *Dinah*, b. Aug. 13, 1783; d. Aug. 20, 1783.
- 8 III. *Hannah*, b. June 27, 1786; md. *Job Foster.*
- 9 IV. *Louisa*, b. March 29, 1788; md. — Haynes.
- 10 V. *Mary*, b. April 25, 1791; md. *Moses Sanderson,*
Jr., q. v.
- 11 VI. *Nancy*, b. March 25, 1796; md. — Edwards.
- 12 VII. *Lucinda*, b. Feb. 2, 1801; md. *Charles Buttrick.*

- 13 VIII. *Esther*, b. April 6, 1805; md. — Blood.
 14 IX. *Elaph*, b. April 20, 1810.

1 JOHN WHITE was a soldier in the Continental service from 1777 to 1780. He was in Col. Greaton's regiment, and on one roll he is counted on the quota of Easton and on another roll on the quota of this town, but both records assert that he was a resident of Ashburnham. He md. Ruth Holden, and settled in the southwest part of the town not long before he entered the army. In 1785 his farm was included in Gardner, and his continued record was in that town, where he d. 1806. Three or four of the older children were b. in this town.

- 2 I. *Betsey*, b. Sept. 21, 1776; md. William Bickford,
 Jr., of Gardner. She d. 1841.
 3 II. *Abigail*, b. April 30, 1780; d. young.
 4 III. *John*, b. May 5, 1782; md. Persis Comee; lived
 in Gardner.
 5 IV. *Polly*, b. Feb. 17, 1784; md. John Parker of
 Gardner.
 6 V. *Augustine*, b. Feb. 24, 1786.
 7 VI. *Abner*, b. Dec. 10, 1787.
 8 VII. *Rebecca*, b. May 9, 1790.
 9 VIII. *Lucy*, b. Oct. 26, 1792.
 10 IX. *Abigail*, b. April 20, 1796.
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- 11 DEA. ELISHA WHITE was a native of Lancaster. He was a descendant of John White, one of the early settlers of Lancaster, where his descendants were numerous and influential. In the early history of that town few names were more prominent in civil and ecclesiastical affairs. The records of Lancaster are not complete, and the names of Elisha and Josiah are so frequently met that the lineage of individual members of this family is not easily traced. Elisha White of Ashburnham was b. in Lancaster June 18, 1759; he md. Oct. 10, 1780, Deborah Hunt, b. in Lancaster Oct. 29, 1760, dau. of Sherebiah and Deborah (Wilder) Hunt, and a sister of Dea. Sherebiah Hunt of this town. After his marriage he lived a short time at Plymouth, Vt., but settled in Ashburnham in 1782. He was a farmer and a carpenter. In town affairs he was one of the foremost men of his time, serving as town clerk, moderator, selectman and assessor. From 1798 until his death he was a deacon of the church, and among his fellow-men his opinions were respected and his character was above reproach. He d. June 14, 1817; his widow d. March 26, 1816, aged 85.

- 12 i. *Josiah*, b. Nov. 2, 1782. +
 13 ii. *Anna*, b. Oct. 26, 1784; md. *Jesse Holbrook*, *q. v.*
 14 iii. *Elisha*, b. May 17, 1787. +
 15 iv. *Sherebiah Hunt*, b. Feb. 26, 1790; md. *Lois Stocker*; resided in Springfield, Vt., subsequently in Unity, N. H., where he d. —, 1883.
 16 v. *Deborah*, b. Jan. 22, 1792; md. —, *John Harrington*.
 17 vi. *Peter*, b. April 29, 1794; md. —, *Nancy Stocker*.
 18 vii. *Dorinda*, b. May 25, 1796; d. unmd. —, 1837.
 19 viii. *Mary*, b. July 15, 1799; md. *Stephen Corey*, *q. v.*
 20 ix. *David*, b. Nov. 27, 1801; md. *Sarah Newcomb*.
 He was a contractor and builder, doing an extensive business, resided in Gloucester.
 21 x. *Ivers*, b. June 25, 1804. +
 22 xi. *Sarah*, b. Nov. 17, 1806; md. June 6, 1833, *Jonas Lawrence*, *q. v.*

(12) *JOSIAH WHITE*, son of Dea. *Elisha White*, was a carpenter in this town. He was a member of the Ashburnham Light Infantry and was in the service in 1814 at Boston Harbor. He md. Feb. 8, 1807 *Matilda Stone*, dau. of *Joseph Stone*, *q. v.*; she d. Feb. 4, 1838; md. (2d) May 13, 1840, *Betsy Bly*, dau. of *James Bly* of Andover. He d. Oct. 24, 1871.

- 23 i. *Josiah E.*, b. May 20, 1809; md. April 10, 1835, *Betsy Lawrence*, dau. of Dea. *William J. Lawrence*, *q. v.*; she d. Aug. 10, 1846; md. (2d) *Mary Moore*. He removed to Lowell 1848, and was there a merchant; resides in Laconia, N. H.
 24 ii. *Susan Gates*, b. July 21, 1811; d. Aug. 24, 1833.
 25 iii. *Nancy Hayden*, b. Feb. 24, 1813; md. *George Davis*, *q. v.*
 26 iv. *Amos S.*, b. April 6, 1816; he is a merchant in Weymouth; md. *Eunice Bowditch*.
 27 v. *Mary Matilda*, b. Aug. 4, 1818; md. —, Dr. *Eleazer T. Learned*; resides in Fall River; he d. —.
 28 vi. *Ivers Warren*, b. July 9, 1820; md. *Elizabeth Wheeler* of Fitchburg.
 29 vii. *Sarah Cushing*, b. Dec. 27, 1822; md. Sept. 22, 1845, *James H. Warner*, b. in Boston Sept. 10, 1813; d. in Fitchburg Sept. 18, 1859. She resides in Ashby.

- 30 1. James E., b. Aug. 27, 1846; md. Nov. 21, 1867, Ella K. Bly, b. Aug. 29, 1845, dau. of James Bly. They reside at South Village.
- 31 2. Mary E., b. Nov. 29, 1848; md. Henry Burr, son of Samuel Burr of Ashby.
- 32 3. Jane W., b. Oct. 1, 1852; d. young.
- 33 4. Francilla A., b. June 8, 1856; md. Herbert Sadler; they reside at Beverly.
- 34 VIII. *Joseph Wilder*, b. March 30, 1825; md. Susan Lake; md. (2d) Sarah Loud; he is a carpenter at Lebanon, N. H.
- 35 ix. *Charles H.*, b. Nov. 12, 1841; md. Nov. 29, 1866, Florence H. Stowe, dau. of David and Mary (Converse) Stowe. He was a veteran of the 21st Regiment, serving in the Civil War four years. He has been a member of the volunteer militia nearly twenty years, and is now a lieutenant of Company E. He resides on the homestead.
- 36 x. *Susan E.*, b. Oct. 20, 1843; d. May 29, 1865.
- 37 xi. *Ellen T.*, b. June 8, 1847; md. Nov. 21, 1867, Edward G. Newell; residence in Gardner.
- 38 xii. *Emma F.* (twin), b. June 8, 1847; d. July 18, 1847.

(14) ELISHA WHITE md. Jan., 1818, Juda Rodgers, and resided in this town until 1850, and subsequently resided in Newton where he d. He md. (2d) Mrs. — Rodgers.

- 39 i. *Edwin*, b. Oct. 12, 1819, d. May 10, 1824.
- 40 ii. *Sarah H.*, b. Nov. 25, 1824; d. —.

(21) IVERS WHITE, after the death of his father, resided a few years in Springfield, Vt. Returning to Ashburnham in 1830, he purchased of Charles Stearns the mail route from this town to Worcester. He was engaged in this enterprise several years. Subsequently he was a house, carriage and ornamental painter. For a few years, retaining a residence in this town, he was engaged at his occupation in Fitchburg. He was adjutant of the Ninth Regiment, a deputy-sheriff, and under the Fillmore administration he was postmaster. He md. 1832, Zoia Lawrence, dau. of Dea. William J. Lawrence. He d. June 26, 1884.

- 41 i. *William Frederick*, b. Aug. 17, 1834; md. — 1857, Alice A. Wheeler, dau. of Oliver Wheeler

of Ashby. They were divorced 186—; he md. (2d) March 14, 1885, Hattie M. (Farwell) Wetherbee, widow of Sidney J. Wetherbee, *q. v.* He is an ornamental painter.

- 42 II. *Annie Eliza Celestia*, b. March 15, 1841; md. Aug. 31, 1871, Edwin E. Spencer, M. D.; resides in Cambridgeport.

- 1 CHRISTIAN WILLIAM WHITEMAN, with wife Anstina and two children, with his German associates settled on Lexington grant in 1758. He was one of the proprietors of the grant and upon its division among the several owners he secured a farm, on which he lived. He was an intelligent, valued citizen. In 1796 the family removed to Haverhill, N. H.

- 2 I. *Catherine*, b. Oct. 18, 1752; md. Aug. 9, 1781, Henry Sunbury and resided about two years in this town; removed to Warren, N. H.

- 3 I. *Catherine*, b. 1782.

- 4 II. *Elizabeth*, b. April 5, 1756; md. Jacob Constantine, *q. v.*

- 5 III. *Anstina*, b. July 24, 1758.

- 6 IV. *Nicholas*, b. Feb. 19, 1761.†

- 7 V. *Christian*, b. Oct. 21, 1763.

- 8 VI. *Margaret*, b. July 20, 1766.

- (6) NICHOLAS WHITEMAN served in Mitchell's regiment in 1776 and at Castle William, Col. Abijah Stearns' regiment, in 1778. He removed to Warren, N. H., in 1780, but subsequently returned to this town where he lived many years. He had a farm and a mill where Warren E. Marble now lives. In his old age he lived elsewhere with his children. He md. Aug. 23, 1781, Elizabeth Rodamel, *q. v.* A dau., aged 12 years, d. Feb. 6, 1796; a dau., aged 9 years, d. Feb. 10, 1776. Scarcely more than the names of the other children can be given.

- 9 I. *William*, b. —; settled in Canada.

- 10 II. *Nancy*, b. —.

- 11 III. *Polly*, b. —.

- 12 IV. *Jacob*, b. —; d. unmd. in this town Oct., 1835.

- 13 V. *Peter*, b. —; settled in Canada.

- 14 JOHN WHITEMAN first appears in the records in 1765. He probably came with the other Germans in 1758. He

lived in the northeast part of the town and the family removed about 1804. The birth of one child is recorded and six others were baptized.

- 15 i. *Mary*, b. May 13, 1765.
- 16 ii. *John*, bap. April 23, 1769.
- 17 iii. *Jacob*, bap. Nov. 21, 1771.
- 18 iv. *Katherine*, bap. Oct. 27, 1776.
- 19 v. *George*, bap. May 27, 1781; d. Feb. 29, 1784.
- 20 vi. *Sarah*, bap. Oct. 12, 1783.
- 21 vii. *Hannah*, bap. May 21, 1786.

- 22 HENRY WHITEMAN, perhaps a son of John (14), md. 1793, Abigail Wheeler of New Ipswich. He was an ensign of the militia 1792.

WHITMORE.

FRANCIS WHITMORE, b. in England 1625, is found in Cambridge in 1649. He was a large land owner in Cambridge and the neighboring towns and resided many years and perhaps through life within the limits of the present city. When Lexington was created a precinct the bounds were described as beginning "on the southerly side of Francis Whitmore's house." It does not appear that he ever lived there and at the date of the record he had been dead several years. He served in the Indian War under Major Willard. He md. Isabel Parks, dau. of Richard Parks of Cambridge; she d. March 31, 1665; md. (2d) Nov. 10, 1666, Margaret Harty. He d. Oct. 12, 1685; she d. March 1, 1685-6. By both marriages there were thirteen children. Joseph Whitmore, youngest son of Francis and Margaret (Harty) Whitmore, b. 1675, md. Feb. 13, 1698-9, Mary Kendall, b. in Woburn Feb. 27, 1679-80, dau. of Thomas and Ruth Kendall. They were admitted to church in Lexington 1703 and the following year were dismissed to church in Woburn, where they subsequently resided. Their only son was Joseph Whitmore, b. Feb. 17, 1699-1700. He also lived in Woburn and May 23, 1719, was published to Mary Peirce; she d., leaving one son, Joseph, b. Sept. 9, 1719. Joseph, the father, was subsequently md. and reared a large family which includes the ancestors of the Newbury branch of the Whitmore family.

- 1 JOSEPH WHITMORE, the first of the name in Ashburnham, was a descendant in the fourth generation of Francis Whitmore, the emigrant ancestor. He was b. in Woburn Sept. 9, 1719, according to Woburn records, or Sept. 20, 1719, following the family record. He md. Dec. 21, 1741, Mary Marion of Boston, b. April 25, 1718, and removed from Woburn to Leominster between 1747 and 1749, and to Ashburnham immediately preceding 1780. He was moderator of a town meeting in this town 1780. He settled in the northwest part of the town where his great-grandson, Dr. L. L. Whitmore, now resides. The homestead has remained in the possession of his descendants to the present time. For several years, and until

retired by age, he was a prominent citizen and was often chosen to office. He d. April 18, 1805; his widow d. July 10, 1805. Three children were b. in Woburn and seven in Leominster.

- 2 I. *Mary*, b. Feb. 15, 1742-3; md. Enos Jones, *q. v.*
- 8 II. *Hannah*, b. Oct. 27, 1744; md. Shebuel Bailey
and lived in Sterling.
- 4 III. *Rebecca*, b. July 16, 1747; md. — Warner.
- 5 IV. *Joseph*, b. June 6, 1749; md. Ruth Knight; lived
in Chester and Ira, Vt.
- 6 V. *Benjamin*, b. Oct. 22, 1751; md. Lois Stanley;
lived in Chester, Vt.
- 7 VI. *Isaac*, b. March 8, 1755.+
- 8 VII. *Persis* (twin), b. March 8, 1755; md. Jonathan
Winchester, *q. v.*
- 9 VIII. *Lucy*, b. Jan. 23, 1857; md. Jonas Brooks, *q. v.*
- 10 IX. *Elizabeth*, b. Feb. 8, 1759; md. Joshua Phelps.
- 11 X. *Edward*, b. Aug. 12, 1763.+

(7) ISAAC WHITMORE resided on the homestead. While a resident of Leominster he was a soldier in the Revolution. He served in the siege of Boston, participating in the battle of Bunker Hill and during the ensuing year he was in the army under Washington. In the latter service his name is borne on the roll of Capt. Maxwell's company of Col. Prescott's regiment. He was in the battle at White Plains and in the engagement at Trenton and Princeton. It is probable that he was in the service later than early in the year 1777, but he makes no mention of additional service in his application for a pension made July 8, 1819. His application was successful and he remained a pensioner until his death. He came to this town with his father and his name often appears in the choice of town officers. He is, however, more accurately described as an honest, industrious farmer, who found his chief employment in the frugal management of his own affairs. He md. 1781, Rebecca Foster, b. in Lunenburg Sept. 16, 1760, eldest dau. of Joseph and Sarah (Jones) Foster. He d. May 2, 1847; she d. Aug. 30, 1840.

- 12 I. *James*, b. April 23, 1782; md. Oct. 22, 1811,
Phebe Stimson, dau. of Lemuel Stimson, *q. v.*
Resided a few years in Londonderry, N. H.,
and after 1815 in Framingham.
- 13 II. *Levi F.*, b. Feb. 13, 1786; md. May 8, 1817,
Mehitabel Edgell, b. in Framingham 1796, dau.
of Aaron P. and Eleanor (Trowbridge) Edgell.
He was a farmer in Marlboro'. Eight children.

- 14 iii. *Infant*, b. — ; d. March 15, 1789.
- 15 iv. *Sally*, b. Sept. 7, 1790 ; d. Oct. 21, 1792.
- 16 v. *Sally*, b. Sept. 16, 1793 ; md. Jacob Ward, *q. v.*
- 17 vi. *Enoch*, b. Sept. 8, 1796. +
- 18 vii. *Beulah*, b. Aug. 8, 1799 ; md. Charles Stimson
 q. v.

- (11) EDWARD WHITMORE, youngest son of Joseph, resided in this town until 1804, when he removed to Rindge, and in 1820 he removed to Enosburg, Vt., where he d. Nov. 15, 1841. He was a soldier in the Revolution. *Vide* page 197. He md. Aug. 2, 1782, Lydia Samson, dau. of Jonathan Samson, *q. v.* She d. Sept. 1; 1840.

- 19 i. *Patty*, b. Oct. 30, 1784 ; d. unmd. July 13, 1818.
- 20 ii. *Oliver*, b. Feb. 16, 1787. +
- 21 iii. *Sally*, b. Nov. 5, 1792 ; md. Henry Broats.
- 22 iv. *Lydia*, b. May 3, 1795 ; d. unmd.
- 23 v. *Emma*, b. Sept. 9, 1797 ; md. Nov. 20, 1817,
 Nathan Estey of Stow.
- 24 vi. *Isaac*, b. March 14, 1800 ; d. Oct. 29, 1805.
- 25 vii. *Levi*, b. Sept. 14, 1802 ; d. Oct. 10, 1805.
- 26 viii. *Zoa*, b. March 20, 1806 ; md. — ; she d. June
 21, 1841.
- 27 ix. *Joseph A.*, b. Dec. 3, 1807 ; d. Oct. 6, 1825.

- (17) COL. ENOCH WHITMORE was a farmer and manufacturer in Ashburnham and a leading man of his time. *Vide* page 485. He md. Clarissa Willard, dau. of Silas Willard, Esq., *q. v.* He d. Sept. 13, 1860 ; she resides in Fitchburg.

- 28 i. *Eliza R.*, b. Oct. 25, 1818 ; md. Nov. 18, 1841,
 Horace Eames of Framingham. They resided
 in Springfield, where he d. May 17, 1879.
- 29 ii. *Alfred*, b. Nov. 29, 1818 ; md. Feb. 5, 1846,
 Elmira W. Stimson, dau. of Charles Stimson,
 q. v. He was station agent at Ashburnham
 Junction several years and subsequently en-
 gaged in the manufacture of wood ware. He
 d. Jan. 4, 1873 ; she resides in Leominster.
- 30 1. Herbert E., b. July 13, 1859.
- 31 2. Eleanor C., b. July 18, 1861.
- 32 iii. *Flint M.*, b. Dec. 24, 1821 ; unmd. ; is a pros-
 perous dealer in lumber in California ; resides
 at Antelope Creek in Amador county.

- 33 iv. *Lorenzo Locke*, b. July 2, 1823; a physician and farmer of Ashburnham. *Vide* page 471. He md. Jan. 9, 1872, Mary Sophia Baker, dau. of Dea. Joel and Lucy (Newton) Baker of East Templeton.
- 34 v. *Silas*, b. July 10, 1824; md. Dec. 13, 1855, Althea Gibbs. He d. at Antelope Creek, Amador county, Cal., Aug. 11, 1878.
- 35 vi. *Clarissa*, b. Oct. 18, 1826; unmd.; resides in Fitchburg.
- 36 vii. *Catherine*, b. Dec. 19, 1828; md. Sept. 12, 1853, James M. Ingraham; reside in Chicago, Ill.
- 37 viii. *Mary*, b. Sept. 13, 1830; unmd.; resides in Fitchburg.
- 38 ix. *Harriet*, b. Feb. 19, 1835; unmd.; resides in Chicago, Ill.
- 39 x. *Orange Scott*, b. Oct. 26, 1836, was a teacher several years, and in May, 1862, was admitted to the bar at St. Albans, Vt. Enlisted the same month in Co. A, Ninth Regiment, Vermont Infantry; discharged on account of wounds in March, 1863. Was engaged in business in Chicago several years and lost the fruit of successful enterprise in the great fire. Subsequently was engaged several years in the lumber business at Cadillac, Mich., where he now resides. He md. June 1, 1866, Mary Elizabeth Stevens, b. in Watertown, N. Y., April 9, 1847, eldest dau. of Hiram B. and Emma A. Stevens. Seven of ten children are living.
- 40 xi. *Franklin B.*, b. April 4, 1838; md. Oct. 15, 1867, Amanda T. Frye. He is a lumber dealer in Lexington, Ky., in the firm of Rule and Whitmore.
- 41 xii. *Laura A.*, b. July 10, 1839; md. Francis G. Kibling, son of Francis Kibling, *q. v.*
- 42 xiii. *Frances Elizabeth*, b. June 10, 1841; md. Dec. 17, 1868, Albert L. Streeter, b. Sept. 14, 1841, son of Thomas and Paulina (Locke) Streeter. He is express messenger on the Fitchburg railroad with residence in Charlestown district.

(20) OLIVER WHITMORE md. in Rindge June 2, 1808, Sophia Stone, b. April 19, 1789, dau. of Capt. Salmon and Susanna (Page) Stone. In 1810 he returned to Ashburnham and settled in the northwest part of the town,

- where he lived until after the death of his wife. He d. in Winchendon Oct. 16, 1874, aged 87; his wife d. March 4, 1863.
- 43 i. *Eli S.*, b. Jan. 27, 1809; md. Nov. 14, 1837, Rebecca Darling, dau. of Amos and Ede (Stone) Darling of Rindge. Resided in Rindge, Worcester and in this town, where he d. July 27, 1870.
- 44 1. Clara, b. April 7, 1851; d. Nov. 10, 1861.
- 45 2. Irving, b. Sept. 25, 1855.
- 46 ii. *Elvira*, b. March 18, 1816; md. Nov. 26, 1839, Stephen Tolman, son of William and Mercy (Brown) Tolman. He d. June 15, 1884; she resides on the homestead in Winchendon.
- 47 1. George Oscar, b. Sept. 19, 1842.
- 48 2. Wayland, b. April 28, 1850; d. April 30, 1850.
- 49 3. Lizzie M., b. June 6, 1860; md. Nov. 26, 1879, Eugene P. Brooks, b. in Rindge Feb. 25, 1850, son of William S. and Frances J. (Parks) Brooks.
- 50 iii. *Charles Farwell*, b. Oct. 10, 1819; md. April 6, 1848, Cynthia Tubbs, widow of Alvin Tubbs.
- 51 iv. *Laurilla*, b. July 9, 1825; d. March 17, 1832.
- 52 v. *George*, b. Oct. 30, 1829; md. April 19, 1855, Laurette Tubbs, dau. of Alvin and Cynthia Tubbs. He d. at Providence, R. I., May 19, 1883.
- 53 1. George Alvin.
- 54 2. Mabel Cynthia.

WHITNEY.

No other register in this volume contains an equal number of names. The Whitney families of Ashburnham are descendants of John and Elinor Whitney who embarked for New England in the Elizabeth and Ann, Roger Cooper, master, in April, 1635. At this date he was aged 35 and his wife 30. In the summer of the same year he purchased a homestead and settled in Watertown. Subsequently the town made him several grants amounting to 98 acres, and he acquired other land by purchase. He was admitted freeman March 3, 1635-6, and at once assumed and maintained a prominent position in the affairs of the settlement. He was a selectman eighteen successive years, and town clerk in 1655. Five of his eight sons were b. in England, and six of them left a numerous posterity. His wife d. May 11, 1659. He md. (2d) Sept. 29, 1659, Judah Clement, who d. previous to the date of his will, April 3, 1673. He d. June 1, 1673, aged 73.

John Whitney, eldest son of John and Elinor Whitney, was b. in England 1624, and was admitted freeman May 26, 1647. He was a selectman of Watertown six years. He md. Ruth Reynolds who survived him. He d. Oct. 12, 1692, leaving five sons and five daughters.

Nathaniel Whitney, son of John and Ruth (Reynolds) Whitney, was b. in Watertown Feb. 1, 1648-7. He md. March 12, 1673-4, Sarah Hagar, b. in Watertown Sept. 3, 1651, dau. of William and Mary (Bemis) Hagar. He resided in the part of Watertown that was included in Weston, where he d. Jan. 7, 1732-3; his widow d. May 7, 1746.

William Whitney, third of the seven children of Nathaniel and Sarah (Hagar) Whitney, was b. May 6, 1683, and resided in Weston. He md. May 17, 1706, Martha Peirce, b. Dec. 24, 1681, dau. of Joseph and Martha Peirce of Watertown. He d. Jan. 24, 1730-1. Among his five children were Samuel, who settled in Westminster, and Martha, who became the wife of Timothy Mossman, Jr., once a resident of Ashburnham.

Samuel Whitney, son of William and Martha (Peirce) Whitney, was b. in Weston May 23, 1719. He md. Oct. 20, 1741, Abigail Fletcher, and settled in Westminster. He was a leading man in the settlement and was frequently elected to office. He d. Jan. 1, 1782. The sixth of his thirteen children, b. in Westminster, was Capt. Silas Whitney of Ashburnham, No. 1 in the following register.

Another branch of the Whitney family in this town is closely allied to the descendants of Capt. Silas Whitney. Abner Whitney, another son of Samuel and Abigail (Fletcher) Whitney, was b. in Westminster May 18, 1748. He md. May 14, 1770, Elizabeth Glazier, dau. of Jonas and Eunice (Newton) Glazier of Shrewsbury; she d. April 3, 1778. He md. (2d) April 22, 1779, Levina (Glazier) Ward, b. in Shrewsbury May 9, 1752, a sister of his first wife and a widow of Jonas Ward, brother of John Ward. Abner Whitney d. Sept., 1811. Joseph G. Whitney, son of Abner and Levina Whitney, was b. in Westminster June 22, 1783. He md 1805, Levina Dunn, and resided in Westminster and Ashburnham where he d. July 31, 1868. Levina G. Whitney, his dau., is the wife of Rev. Stephen Cushing, *q. v.*, and John Whitney, his son, was a resident of Ashburnham and is No. 122 in the following register.

The Lemuel Whitney family, commencing with No. 139, are probably descendants of Richard Whitney, another son of John and Elinor Whitney, the emigrant ancestors. Richard Whitney md. Martha Caldam and settled in Stow. The records do not afford sufficient information to complete the lineage. Gen. Josiah Whitney was b. in Stow about 1730. He md. 1751, Sarah Farr. They were the parents of eighteen children, fifteen of whom d. in infancy. About 1754 he removed from Stow to Harvard, where his wife d. and he md. (2d) Sarah Dwelly of Bridgewater. By this marriage there were seven children. In 1795 Gen. Whitney removed with the younger children to Ashby, where he d. Jan. 24, 1806; his widow d. in Whitingham, Vt., Feb. 18, 1817.

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- 1 CAPT. SILAS WHITNEY, son of Samuel and Abigail (Fletcher) Whitney, was b. in Westminster Oct. 20, 1752. He md. Jan. 27, 1774, Sarah Withington, b. in Stow 1753, dau. of William and Sarah (Locke) Withington. After his marriage he lived four years in Westminster. He sold his farm in that town in 1778 and purchased a large tract of land in the southeast part of Ashburnham. Here he soon became the leading farmer in this vicinity. The size of his barns and granaries and the number of his horses and cattle are the living theme of tradition. He

was a captain of the militia and was prominent in town affairs. In the midst of a life of industry and usefulness he d. at mid-age Nov. 14, 1798. Mr. Cushing records his death with the remark that "he died suddenly after a few days of complaining, though not confined; he was sitting in a chair leaning on a table and sunk down, and almost immediately expired." The widow settled the estate and prudently managed the affairs in the interest of her children. She md. (2d) 1802, Thomas Earle of Leicester, and d. in this town Jan. 12, 1820. There were four sons and twenty-four grandsons of Capt. Silas and Sarah (Withington) Whitney, and including the female lines the number of their descendants named in these registers is above two hundred.

- 2 i. *Susannah*, b. Sept. 29, 1776; md. Josiah Brown.
 Vide page 959.
- 3 ii. *Silas*, b. Oct. 1, 1779. +
- 4 iii. *Sarah*, b. July 1, 1781; md. Caleb Wilder, son of
 Samuel Wilder, Esq., *q. v.*
- 5 iv. *Samuel*, b. May 20, 1783. +
- 6 v. *William*, b. Aug. 5, 1785. +
- 7 vi. *Ohio*, b. March 22, 1789. +
- 8 vii. *Abigail*, b. May 15, 1791; md. Jesse Ellis, son of
 Jesse Ellis, *q. v.*
- 9 viii. *Nancy*, b. Nov. 19, 1794; md. Laban Cushing,
 son of Capt. David Cushing, *q. v.*

(2) **JOSIAH BROWN** of Stow md. April, 1797, *Susannah Whitney*, eldest dau. of Capt. Silas Whitney, *q. v.* They resided in Stow.

- 10 i. *Silas*, b. Dec. 12, 1797; d. unmd. in Stow March
 4, 1856.
- 11 ii. *Josiah*, b. Jan. 21, 1799.
- 12 iii. *Susan*, b. July 2, 1801.
- 13 iv. *Ohio*, b. April 29, 1803; md. Sept. 17, 1849,
 Sarah Ellis, dau. of Jesse Ellis. They resided
 in Stow many years and both d. in this town.
- 14 v. *Horatio*, b. July 25, 1805; d. unmd.
- 15 vi. *Nancy*, b. Nov. 11, 1806.
- 16 vii. *Reuben*, b. March 17, 1808.
- 17 viii. *Sally*, b. Sept. 17, 1811.
- 18 ix. *Anna*, b. May 7, 1815; md. Nov. 29, 1846,
 Ephraim Ray of Stow; she d. March 1, 1877.

(3) **CAPT. SILAS WHITNEY**, son of Capt. Silas, md. Dec. 31, 1801, *Hannah Cushing*, dau. of Capt. David Cushing, *q. v.* He was a farmer on a part of the homestead for

several years and was an officer in the militia at an early age. He was a lieutenant in 1803 and was styled captain after 1804 or 1805, but a record of the latter commission has not been found. He resided in Walpole, N. H., from 1810 to 1815 and possibly a year or two longer. After his return to this town he was a farmer. He was a man of more than average ability. He d. Sept. 4, 1846; his widow d. March 5, 1854.

- 19 i. *Silas*, b. April 28, 1803; md. April 27, 1826,
Olive Knight of West Boylston.
- 20 ii. *Hannah Cushing*, b. Sept. 15, 1805; d. in Balti-
more, Md., Nov. 26, 1826.
- 21 iii. *David Cushing*, b. Feb. 24, 1808; d. Aug. 6,
1809.
- 22 iv. *David Cushing*, b. April 14, 1810; md. Nov. 21,
1832, Tila Bowditch; md. (2d) Harriet A.
Shepstone. He resided in Walpole, N. H.,
where he d. 1878.
- 23 1. Joseph.
- 24 2. Charles.
- 25 v. *Susan*, b. Aug. 21, 1812; d. young.
- 26 vi. *Charles*, b. June 18, 1815.+
- 27 vii. *Joseph Cushing*, b. Jan. 28, 1818; md. Feb. 3,
1842, Florence E. Weston. He is a merchant
in Baltimore, Md.
- 28 viii. *Sarah*, b. June 22, 1820; md. Oct. 31, 1844,
James W. Gardner of Hingham. She d., *s. p.*,
at Springfield May 30, 1865.
- 29 ix. *Milton*, b. Oct. 9, 1823; resided in Baltimore,
Md. *Vide* page 492. He md. Nov. 24, 1846,
Annie M. Weston. He d. Sept. 3, 1875.

(5) SAMUEL WHITNEY, son of Capt. Silas, md. Aug. 12, 1802, Abigail Wilder, dau. of Caleb Wilder, *q. v.* He was a farmer, residing on the farm now of his son, Austin Whitney. He was an enterprising, active man. He d. May 9, 1837. His wife d. Oct. 23, 1861.

- 30 i. *Samuel*, b. Oct. 28, 1802; d. Sept. 3, 1805.
- 31 ii. *Merrick*, b. Dec. 31, 1804.+
- 32 iii. *Jane Vincent Woodward*, b. Aug. 11, 1807; d.
Sept. 10, 1810.
- 33 iv. *Samuel*, b. Feb. 25, 1810; d. Dec. 17, 1810.
- 34 v. *Austin*, b. Dec. 21, 1811; d. Sept. 7, 1814.
- 35 vi. *Charles Wilder*, b. Jan. 10, 1814.+
- 36 vii. *Austin*, b. April 16, 1816.+

- 37 VIII. *Jane Elizabeth*, b. July 7, 1818; unmd.; d. Nov. 12, 1847.
- 38 IX. *Samuel Vincent*, b. May 25, 1820. +
- 39 X. *Quincy*, b. Oct. 7, 1822. +
- 40 XI. *Horatio Nelson*, b. Oct. 3, 1824; was a farmer in this town; md. 1853, *Mary Eliza Carlton*. He d. Feb. 18, 1858; no children.

(6) WILLIAM WHITNEY, son of Capt. Silas, md. May 22, 1808, *Lucy Brooks*. She d. Dec. 4, 1829; md. (2d) May 7, 1830, *Mercy (Burgess) Bemis*, dau. of *Ebenezer Burgess, q. v.*, and widow of *Jonas Bemis, q. v.* He d. July 22, 1852; his widow resides with her youngest dau. in Fitchburg. He was a farmer; occupying a portion of the homestead, and lived above reproach.

41 I. *William*, b. July 22, 1809. *Vide* page 512. He md. May 7, 1840, *Julia Emerson*, dau. of *Dea. Timothy Emerson*; she d. Nov. 10, 1864; md. (2d) April 19, 1866, *Mrs. Catherine H. Courtney*. Rev. William Whitney resides at Granville, Ohio.

42 II. *Silas*, b. May 26, 1811; resides in Fitchburg; md. 1844, *Susan Eddy*; md. (2d) *Mary E. Whitney*.

43 III. *George*, b. April 6, 1814; md. 1849, *Mary Wedge* of Boston. He d. May, 1858. No children.

44 IV. *Lucy*, b. Dec. 27, 1818; md. *Alonzo L. Willard, q. v.*

45 V. *Catherine*, b. Feb. 3, 1820; md. *William Brown* of Fitchburg; md. (2d) *Charles Davis* of Fitchburg. There were three children of William and Catherine (Whitney) Brown, two of whom d. in infancy.

46 1. *Julia*, b. —; md. *Herbert A. Willard*, son of *Alonzo L. Willard, q. v.*

47 VI. *Sarah Ann*, b. April 30, 1831; md. *Newton Hayden, q. v.*

(7) OHIO WHITNEY, son of Capt. Silas, was a farmer in this town, residing on a portion of the homestead. He md. Jan. 3, 1809, *Mary Bolton*, b. May 21, 1791, dau. of *Aaron and Dorcas (Winship) Bolton* of Westminster; she d. Aug. 30, 1843. He md. (2d) June 9, 1844, *Dorothy (Maynard) Brown*, widow of *John Brown, q. v.* He d. March 23, 1870; she d. Aug. 8, 1885. Mr. Whitney was a man of ability and unusual force of character. The record of his life and good works is

- (26) CHARLES WHITNEY, son of Silas, Jr., md. Oct. 23, 1845, Susan Davis, b. in Sterling, Jan. 22, 1822, dau. of John Davis; resides in Central Village.

- 61 I. *Florence Eliza*, b. Dec. 19, 1849; md. Dec. 22, 1871, Calvin W. Burbank.
 62 II. *Charles Henry*, b. May 31, 1854; md. Jan. 16, 1878, Emma B. Rockwood, dau. of George Rockwood, *q. v.* They reside in this town. He has been road commissioner and is a conductor on the Ashburnham railroad.

- (31) MERRICK WHITNEY, son of Samuel, md. April 5, 1830, Harriet Adams, dau. of John and Dolly (Gibson) Adams, *q. v.* He was a farmer and lived several years on the Samson farm, now of his son Hosea S. Whitney. Subsequently he lived near Central Village. He d. Dec. 2, 1881; his wife d. April 9, 1877.

- 63 I. *Merrick*, b. Dec. 25, 1830; resides unmd. in this town.
 64 II. *Austin*, b. April 10, 1832; drowned June 10, 1846.
 65 III. *Lincoln*, b. July 1, 1834; md. Feb. 5, 1859, Mary Caroline McIntire, dau. of Franklin and Mary G. (Adams) McIntire—Adams register 77. He resides in Central Village.
 66 1. *Jennie A.*, b. Dec. 20, 1862.
 67 IV. *Hosea S.*, b. March 29, 1838; md. March 31, 1870, Mary Goodwin Adams, dau. of Ivers Adams, *q. v.* He is a farmer and owns the farm formerly of his father.
 68 V. *Francina J.*, b. Dec. 5, 1843; md. David E. Willard, son of John Willard, *q. v.*
 69 VI. *Clementina H.*, b. Feb. 2, 1847; md. Clement Edgar Willard, son of Silas Willard, *q. v.*
 70 VII. *Willis W.*, b. Jan. 21, 1851; md. Nov. 24, 1886, Harriet E. Hyde, dau. of Alfred and Mary (Hastings) Hyde of Winchendon.

- (35) CHARLES W. WHITNEY, son of Samuel, md. Aug. 10, 1848, Elmira M. Wilder, dau. of Joseph Wilder, *q. v.* He resides in Central Village. He is a millwright and wheelwright.

- 71 I. *Charles Burton*, b. Jan. 31, 1853; md. Kate G. Robinson; resides in Portland, Me.
 72 II. *Alfred W.*, b. June 15, 1867.

- (36) AUSTIN WHITNEY, son of Samuel, was formerly a merchant in this town and for many years he was engaged in morocco dressing. He resides on the farm formerly of his father, midway between the Central and the South Village. He has been an assessor and selectman and a representative to the Legislature. He md. April 4, 1854, E. Augusta Holmes, b. Jan. 30, 1830, dau. of Leonard Holmes of Boston.

- 73 I. *Frederic Austin*, b. Jan. 18, 1855; d. Dec. 26, 1855.
 74 II. *Ella Augusta*, b. Sept. 1, 1856.
 75 III. *Leonard Austin*, b. June 16, 1858.
 76 IV. *Samuel Nelson*, b. April 23, 1860.
 77 V. *Fannie R.*, b. March 18, 1862.
 78 VI. *Alfred Washburn*, b. Oct. 31, 1864.
 79 VII. *Gertrude J.*, b. April 30, 1866.
 80 VIII. *Myra Abigail*, b. Nov. 20, 1868.
 81 IX. *Florence Ballou*, b. Jan. 21, 1871.
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- (88) SAMUEL V. WHITNEY md. Jan. 31, 1843, Sarah Ann Russell, dau. of Walter Russell, *q. v.* He was postmaster 1853-6 and was engaged in several business enterprises. For several years he was prominent in the morocco business. He d. July 3, 1856; his widow d. April 9, 1875.

- 82 I. *Russell*, b. Nov. 13, 1844; resides in Gardner; md. June 11, 1867, Maria Metcalf, dau. of Joel Metcalf, *q. v.*
 83 II. *Willis*, b. Nov. 22, 1848; d. Aug. 22, 1849.
 84 III. *Eleanor*, b. Sept. 28, 1851; d. July 29, 1852.
 85 IV. *Luella* (twin), b. Sept. 28, 1851; d. unmd. Jan. 26, 1877.
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- (89) REV. QUINCY WHITNEY resides in Cambridge. He md. Mandana M. Whittemore, dau. of Rev. Benjamin Whittemore. He is a Universalist clergyman.

- 86 I. *Elmina M.*, b. —.
 87 II. *Annie B.*, b. —; md. Gerard Churchill; reside at Loyal, Kansas.
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- (49) JASON WHITNEY, son of Ohio, was a farmer in this town. He lived several years near Factory Village and later in Westminster. He md. May 4, 1836, Elizabeth L. Samson, dau. of Jonathan Samson, *q. v.*; she d. Sept. 5,

1841; md. (2d) Aug. 16, 1842. Susan E. Barrett, b. May 2, 1816; d. April 1, 1857; md. (3d) Nov. 14, 1859, Esther Ball, b. Sept. 20, 1821; d. Dec. 7, 1877. He d. May 16, 1880.

- 88 I. *Sarah B.*, b. July 29, 1837; md. May 18, 1858, Henry E. Thomas. He enlisted in 21st Regiment and was killed in battle of Cold Harbor June 2, 1864; she d. Aug. 2, 1858.
- 89 II. *Emma E.*, b. Jan. 17, 1839; md. July 3, 1861, George A. Stone of Fitzwilliam, N. H.
- 90 III. *Charles W.*, b. Dec. 7, 1840.†
- 91 IV. *Maria S.*, b. April 20, 1843; md. Henry L. Smith of Westminster.
- 92 V. *Franklin*, b. April 20, 1845; d. March 15, 1849.
- 93 VI. *Mary C.*, b. Nov. 5, 1847; d. Oct. 1, 1848.
- 94 VII. *Jason W.*, b. June 18, 1849; d. Sept. 11, 1849.
- 95 VIII. *Abbie E.*, b. 1851; d. —.
- 96 IX. *Ferdinand A.*, b. Aug. 29, 1854; md. 1876, Elmira S. Gleason; resides in Fitchburg.

(50) HON. OHIO WHITNEY, son of Ohio. was a useful and prominent citizen of Ashburnham. *Vide* page 486. He md. April 11, 1839, Mary R. Brooks, dau. of Elijah Brooks, *q. v.* He d. Feb. 6, 1879.

- 97 I. *Ellen Rebecca*, b. Jan. 6, 1840; d. Oct. 10, 1865.
- 98 II. *Josie M.*, b. Aug. 23, 1843; md. Capt. Walter O. Parker, *q. v.*
- 99 III. *Georgie S.*, b. Aug. 26, 1845; md. Moses P. Greenwood, *q. v.*
- 100 IV. *Lydia A.*, b. Aug. 3, 1846.
- 101 V. *Clinton O.*, b. Aug. 9, 1850; md. Sept. 12, 1873, Lillian E. Connant. He is a commercial agent residing in Boston.
- 102 VI. *Walton B.*, b. Aug. 28, 1859; md. Jan. 14, 1886, Sadie B. Sherburne, dau. of Warren and Abbie (Ames) Sherburne. He is a job and ornamental printer in Ashburnham, and in 1887 was elected town clerk.

(52) AMOS WHITNEY, son of Ohio, md. May 7, 1840, Harriet J. Bemis, b. Aug. 20, 1819, dau. of Jonas and Mercy (Burgess) Bemis, *q. v.* He d. April 20, 1868. He was foreman in the chair factory several years and also a farmer. His widow resides on the homestead.

- 103 I. *Edwin A.*, b. May 29, 1842; md. May 3, 1871, Kate R. Cummings; resides in Newton.

- 104 II. *Waldo F.*, b. April 22, 1844; is a dentist in
Boston. He md. Jan. 2, 1870, *Abbie Hale*.
105 III. *Albert E.*, b. Jan. 20, 1847; md. 1872, *Mary E.*
Lowe of Fitchburg. He resides in Newton.
106 IV. *Clara T.*, b. Jan. 22, 1850; md. Jan. 6, 1886,
Nathaniel Sarsfield. They live on the home-
stead.
107 V. *Wilmot A.*, b. Jan. 30, 1852; d. young.

(55) FRANCIS A. WHITNEY has been a successful and progressive farmer in this town. He has been prominently connected with the Farmers' and Mechanics' Club and has fully participated in the aims and work of the organization. He has taught with unfailing success many terms of school and has been a member of the committee of supervision many years. In these capacities he has served the community and the town a longer period than has fallen to the lot of any man in the town's history. He has been an assessor and selectman and is a trustee of Cushing Academy. In all public affairs he has studiously canvassed the problems of his time and continues to occupy an advanced position among his townsmen. He md. Jan. 6, 1852, *Lucy M. Lane*, dau. of *Elias Lane*, q. v. She d. Aug. 16, 1861; he md. (2d) Sept. 9, 1862, *Sarah I. Watkins*, adopted dau. of *Jehiel Watkins*, q. v.

- 108 I. *Earl Ingraham*, b. July 25, 1865.
109 II. *Walter Henry*, b. June 30, 1868; d. Aug. 17, 1869.
110 III. *Henry Ingraham*, b. Nov. 7, 1872; d. June 17,
1881.
111 IV. *Winthrop*, b. June 17, 1874.

(56) WALTER WHITNEY, son of Ohio, removed to Fitchburg where he d. July 23, 1867. He was respected for his candor and honesty and loved for amiable traits of character and unfailing kindness. He md. May 1, 1853, *Elvira Dunn*, b. Dec. 16, 1827; she resides in Dedham.

- 112 I. *Walton*, b. July 19, 1854; d. July 21, 1854.
113 II. *Frank Walter*, b. June 13, 1856. He is principal
of Chicopee High School. He md. Dec. 25,
1882, *Georgia Augusta Taylor*.
114 III. *Mary Elvira*, b. May 15, 1859; d. March 31,
1861.
115 IV. *Jessie D.*, b. May 19, 1862; a teacher in the
public schools of this town.
116 V. *Fred Ernest*, b. Jan. 18, 1865.

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- (90) CHARLES W. WHITNEY, eldest son of Jason Whitney, md. Aug. 13, 1865, Ruana Barrell, dau. of Nahum Barrell, *q. v.* He is a farmer on the farm formerly of William Barrell, which was severed from Westminster and annexed to this town many years ago. He has been one of the road commissioners several years.
- 117 i. *William C.*, b. May 27, 1866.
 118 ii. *Martha E.*, b. April 23, 1869.
 119 iii. *George F.*, b. Sept. 20, 1872; d. Sept. 11, 1874.
 120 iv. *Sarah R.*, b. Sept. 17, 1875.
 121 v. *Abbie A.*, b. Nov. 13, 1879.
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- 122 JOHN WHITNEY, son of Joseph G. and Levina (Dunn) Whitney, was b. in Westminster Sept. 12, 1806. He md. May 9, 1832, Eliza Cushing, dau. of Stephen Cushing, *q. v.* He resided some years in Westminster and subsequently in this town, where he was a pioneer manufacturer of chairs. In his daily life and in business he ignored contention and enjoyed the rewards of peace and an honorable conduct. He d. May 4, 1873; his widow d. Sept. 1, 1882.
- 123 i. *Stephen C.*, b. July 4, 1833; md. April 14, 1861, Achsah I. May, dau. of Sumner May, *q. v.* Enlisted in 53d Regiment and d. in the service at New Orleans, Feb. 20, 1863.
 124 ii. *Eliza Cushing*, b. July 25, 1835; d. July 13, 1837.
 125 iii. *Joseph*, b. June 15, 1838; d. Nov. 26, 1838.
 126 iv. *Wilbur Fisk*, b. Dec. 9, 1839.†
 127 v. *John Edwin*, b. Oct. 28, 1841; d. Nov. 21, 1856.
 128 vi. *Timothy Merritt*, b. Dec. 2, 1844; d. Nov. 22, 1856.
 129 vii. *George Edward*, b. April 20, 1847; d. unmd. Oct. 30, 1880.
 130 viii. *Orange*, b. March 16, 1849; md. Jan. 5, 1875, Laura M. Colleston; she d. Jan. 28, 1885. He is successfully engaged in the manufacture of chairs at South Village. He was a member of the board of selectmen 1880. Since 1881 he has resided in Winchendon.
 131 ix. *Sarah Ann*, b. Oct. 4, 1850; md. Feb. 20, 1878, George H. Clapp; they reside in Greenfield.
 132 x. *Arthur Melville*, b. Oct. 4, 1853; unmd.; resides at Grand Rapids, Mich.
 133 xi. *Alfred Herbert*, b. June 14, 1856; md. June 3, 1884, Susie W. Davis, dau. of Phineas P. and

Sarah (Rice) Davis. He is of the firm of Orange Whitney & Co., manufacturers of chairs at South Village.

(126) **WILBUR F. WHITNEY** for more than twenty years has been actively engaged in the manufacture of chairs and has become an important factor in the business interests of this town. An illustration of his factories and an account of his business appear in Chap. XVII. In the personal supervision of an important industry Mr. Whitney has found full employment, yet he has been an efficient member of the school committee many years and has labored in this work with unfailing interest. He is a director of the Ashburnham National Bank and of the Nashua Reservoir Company. In 1875 he represented this district in the Legislature. In 1878 he was nominated for Congress by the Greenback party and by a convention of Independents. In the canvass he received seven thousand votes. He was renominated in 1882 and 1884. In 1876 and 1877 he was nominated for State Treasurer and in several instances his candidacy was endorsed by the Prohibitionists. With the experience of years Mr. Whitney has joined the fruits of an attentive study of the social and political problems of the times. His conclusions are intelligently formed and his judgment of men and measures is free from partiality and prejudice. In municipal affairs he has manifested a commendable interest and at all times has maintained an advanced position among his fellow-men. In his daily life he has seldom wounded or disappointed his friends and has cultivated no enmities. He md. July 17, 1866, Emeline S. Jewell, b. Dec. 27, 1839, dau. of Dexter and Sarah (Mower) Jewell of Rindge.

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| 134 | 1. <i>Oscar Jewell</i> , b. Jan. 22, 1871; d. Jan. 2, 1886.
In this brief life was developed a maturity of mind and character that commanded the respect and summoned the love of all who knew him. If young in years he was manly and noble in habit, his emotions were the offspring of a reflective mind, and in thought and deed his kindness to his friends and associates, his purity of life and his obedience to duty were unfailing. |
| 135 | ii. <i>Celena Mower</i> , b. June 24, 1873. |
| 136 | iii. <i>Luella Cushing</i> , b. May, 4, 1875. |
| 137 | iv. <i>Ethel Etoile</i> , b. June 2, 1881. |
| 138 | v. <i>Edith Lillian</i> , b. Jan. 1, 1883. |



H. W. Whitney

139 CAPT. LEMUEL WHITNEY, son of Gen. Josiah and Sarah (Dwelly) Whitney, was b. in Harvard Sept. 19, 1784. He was about eleven years of age when his father removed from Harvard to Ashby. He md. Dec. 4, 1804, Elizabeth Hall, dau. of Henry Hall, Jr., *q. v.*, and settled on the Hall farm in the northeast part of this town. He was a captain of the militia and an officer six years. He d. July 9, 1853; his wife d. April 30, 1852.

140 I. *Henry H.*, b. June 11, 1805; md. Sept. 26, 1830, Caroline F. Bailey, dau. of John Bailey of Lunenburg. He resides at East Jaffrey, N. H. Six children.

141 II. *Dwelly*, b. Sept. 10, 1807. +

142 III. *Otis*, b. Nov. 14, 1809; md. May 3, 1840, Hannah Parker. He was a farmer on the homestead and subsequently in New Ipswich, where he d. about 1884.

143 IV. *Betsey*, b. March 18, 1812; md. Josiah Derby, *q. v.*

144 V. *Lemuel*, b. Aug. 9, 1818. +

145 VI. *Nancy*, b. June 23, 1822.

(141) DWELL WHITNEY, son of Capt. Lemuel, md. June 5, 1829, Emily Derby, dau. of Nathan Derby, *q. v.*; she d. —; md. (2d) 1874, Rebecca (Gilson) Crouch, widow of Joel Crouch. He resided a farmer many years on the farm now of Walter Lawrence. He d. at Ashburnham Centre March 29, 1879.

146 I. *Mary Ann*, b. July 13, 1831; md. John R. Hill.

147 II. *George O.*, b. March 10, 1833; served in the Civil War in Fourth Heavy Artillery; md. 1858, Caroline Emma Willard, dau. of George A. Willard, *q. v.* He d. in Winchendon.

148 III. *Sarah D.*, b. Sept. 8, 183—; md. April 20, 1858, Thomas W. Whitcomb, son of Silas and Louisa (Lincoln) Whitcomb of Marlboro', N. H. They reside in Ashby.

149 IV. *Edwin*, b. June 6, 1836; md. 1860, Eliza J. Cross, b. 1842; d. in Ashby Sept. 27, 1867; md. (2d) June 16, 1868, Elizabeth E. Wheeler, dau. of Oliver Wheeler of Ashby. He resides in Ashby and has been a merchant in Ashby Centre.

150 V. *Lewis*, b. July 9, 1838; md. M. Jane Lawrence, dau. of Leonard Lawrence, *q. v.* He is a farmer in this town.

- 151 VI. *Lemuel*, b. Oct. 30, 1840; md. March 19, 1868, Sarah Isabel Ward, dau. of William Ward, *q. v.* They resided in Ashby several years; now live in Providence, R. I. He served two years in 21st Regiment.
- 152 VII. *Emeline A.*, b. Oct. 28, 1843; md. Walter Lawrence, son of Leonard Lawrence, *q. v.*
- 158 VIII. *Augustus G.*, b. Sept. 26, 1845; md. May 12, 1869, Martha S. Robbins. He is proprietor of the Ashburnham and Fitchburg coaches.
- 154 IX. *F. Etta*, b. Sept. 30, 1849.

(144) LEMUEL WHITNEY, son of Capt. Lemuel, md. Almira G. Pollard, dau. of William Pollard, *q. v.* He has resided in Ashburnham and in Rindge and is now living in Athol.

- 155 I. *Adeline E.*, b. March 17, 1843; md. Jan. 7, 1867, Pliny F. Woodbury.
- 156 II. *Laura M.*, b. Jan. 10, 1845; md. June 4, 1871, Henry H. Howard.
- 157 III. *Abbie M.*, b. Aug. 30, 1847; d. Nov. 29, 1861.
- 158 IV. *Aurilla M.*, b. Jan. 6, 1849.
- 159 V. *Albert L.*, b. Jan. 22, 1851; md. Dec. 9, 1875, Lucy M. Wyatt.
- 160 VI. *Frank W.*, b. Nov. 3, 1852; md. Dec. 31, 1875, Mary Emma Bass.
- 161 VII. *Susan E.*, b. Dec. 5, 1854.
- 162 VIII. *Myron H.*, b. Sept. 4, 1857; d. April 22, 1886.
- 163 IX. *Nelson C.*, b. Aug. 30, 1859.
- 164 X. *Ivers E.*, b. Jan. 16, 1863; md. Nov. 23, 1884, Martha E. Gardner.

165 LEVI WHITNEY, lineage not traced. was b. in Harvard June 28, 1751. He md. Sept. 17, 1772, Sarah Lawrence, dau. of Benjamin and Jane (Russell) Lawrence and a sister of Amos Lawrence, *q. v.* He was a roving planet. After a brief residence in Concord he removed to Westminster in 1775, and to this town the following year. Soon after 1780 he removed to Rindge and there he did not remain to gather moss, but in 1785 he removed to Marlboro', N. H., where death overtook him the following year. His wife d. in Rindge Oct. 19, 1783, and he md. (2d) Dec. 25, 1783, Hepsibeth Fay, b. in Westboro' Oct. 1, 1759.

- 166 I. *Sarah*, b. June 12, 1774.
- 167 II. *Lydia*, b. May 20, 1776.

- 168 III. *Levi*, b. May 12, 1778; d. Dec. 1, 1780.
 169 IV. *John*, b. Aug. 26, 1780.
 170 V. *Betsey*, b. April 5, 1783.
 171 VI. *Levi*, b. Sept. 28, 1784.
 172 VII. *Amos*.

173 EPHRAIM WHITNEY, parentage not known, and wife Sarah removed to the northeast part of this town about 1780. He d. Nov. 17, 1784, and his widow remained on the homestead. In 1792 the farm, with other lands, was annexed to Ashby. Three children were b. in this town.

- 174 I. *Infant*, b. —; d. April 13, 1781.
 175 II. *Rachel*, b. April 10, 1783.
 176 III. *Dolly*, b. Jan. 10, 1785.

177 ISAAC WHITNEY and wife Susannah removed to the northeast part of this town 1786. In 1792 his farm was included in the addition to Ashby and he continued a resident of that town.

- 178 I. *Isaac*, b. Jan. 18, 1787; md. 1809, Sally Broughton, probably a dau. of Wait Broughton.
 179 II. *David*, b. March 14, 1789.
 180 III. *Susannah*, b. March 14, 1791.
 181 IV. *Betsey*, b. Oct. 30, 1792.
 182 V. *Polly*, b. Feb. 3, 1796.
 183 VI. *Nabby*, b. March 12, 1798.
 184 VII. *Samuel*, b. July 2, 1807.
 185 VIII. *Zimri* (twin), b. July 2, 1807; md. 1834, Nancy Lawrence, dau. of Alethon Lawrence, *q. v.*, and resided in Ashby.

186 CHESTER F. WHITNEY, b. in Clarendon, Vt., Feb. 11, 1820, son of Noah and Mercy (French) Whitney, md. Sept. 10, 1848, Persis B. Herrick, b. Jan. 26, 1823, dau. of Zimri and Mary (Brigham) Herrick of Chesterfield, N. H. At the time of their marriage they removed to Ashburnham, where he d. May 31, 1882.

- 187 I. *Frederick C.*, b. May 6, 1864; resides at Troy, N. Y. He md. July 27, 1883, Minnie R. Scoville of Cambridge, N. Y.

- 1 JOHN WILCOTT resided on the farm now occupied by Joseph Cook, near the line of Rindge, from about 1815 until his death in May, 1841. His widow d. Aug. 19, 1844.

- 2 i. *William*, b. —; md. 1826, Lucy Fairbanks of
Fitzwilliam, N. H. Removed to Illinois.
- 3 ii. *Nathaniel*, b. —; d. unmd in this town, June
17, 1871, aged 67.
- 4 iii. *Matilda*, b. —; md. Jan. 7, 1817, Rev. Calvin
Cummings, *q. v.*
- 5 iv. *Sarah*, b. —; md. 1816, Elijah T. Smith of
Fitzwilliam, N. H.

WILDER.

No name is more frequently met and none was more potential in the early annals of Ashburnham than that of Wilder. Yet no descendant of the early families bearing the name of Wilder has resided in this town for many years. The later families of Wilder in this town are descendants of other branches of the general family. Judge Joseph Wilder of Lancaster, b. July 5, 1683, was a son of Thomas Wilder and a grandson of Thomas Wilder who was of Charlestown 1640 and who became one of the early settlers of Lancaster. Judge Wilder was of the committee to locate and lay out the township and he became one of the original proprietors. Caleb and Joseph Wilder, sons of Judge Joseph, maintained an active interest in the settlement and are frequently mentioned in the early chapters. Both were large land owners and two sons of Caleb Wilder became residents of this town.

- 1 SAMUEL WILDER, son of Col. Caleb and Abigail (Carter) Wilder, was b. in Lancaster, May 7, 1789. He came hither previous to the date of incorporation, and with the exception of a few months in 1765, he remained a valued citizen of Ashburnham until his death. *Vide* page 477. He md. Feb. 15, 1768, Dorothy Carter of Lancaster, who d. July 28, 1790. The funeral discourse by Rev. Dr. Cushing was printed. He md. (2d) March 9, 1791, Abigail (Carter) Fairbanks, a sister of the former wife. He d. suddenly May 9, 1798; his widow d.
- 2 i. *Samuel*, b. Oct. 18, 1769.
- 3 ii. *Caleb*, b. Aug. 26, 1771; d. Aug. 30, 1771.
- 4 iii. *Culeb*, b. March 22, 1773. +
- 5 iv. *Nahum*, b. March 1, 1775. +
- 6 v. *Dorothy*, b. March 14, 1777; md. Joseph Stone,
q. v.
- 7 vi. *Beulah*, b. April 6, 1779; d. unmd. in Boston
May 13, 1847.
- 8 vii. *Ephraim*, b. Jan. 26, 1781; d. Jan. 30, 1781.
- 9 viii. *Ephraim*, b. June 7, 1782.
- 10 ix. *Sarah*, b. June 11, 1784.
- 11 x. *Abel*, b. June 24, 1786. A physician in Black-
stone. *Vide* page 510. He md. 1816, Fanny
Richardson of Winchendon, who d. Feb. 23,
1876, aged 90. He d. 1866. Ten children
who have been distinguished in various callings.

- 12 XI. *Thomas*, b. July 7, 1788.+
 13 XII. *Milton*, b. June 30, 1790.

(4) CAPT. CALEB WILDER was a school teacher of merited fame. He was also a farmer and found frequent employment as a land surveyor. He was a captain of the Ashburnham Light Infantry and was often chosen to office in town affairs. He md. Nov. 27, 1800, Sarah Whitney, dau. of Silas Whitney, *q. v.* She d., *felo de se*, June 14, 1820; he d. Jan. 29, 1834.

- 14 I. *Samuel*, b. Dec. 30, 1801; d. June 11, 1817.
 This was a suicide at an unusual age.
 15 II. *Sarah*, b. May 7, 1803; md. May 4, 1826, Silas Smith of Westminster; removed to Farmington, Iowa.
 16 III. *Nancy*, b. Nov. 19, 1806; md. April 24, 1828, David Laws of Westminster.
 17 IV. *Silas Whitney*, b. Dec. 13, 1808; d. Oct. 31, 1812.
 18 V. *Caleb*, b. Oct. 28, 1810; *non comp.*; d. in this town.
 19 VI. *Silas Whitney*, b. July 26, 1814; he was a printer and publisher; subsequently he was of the firm of Snow and Wilder, publishers of the popular railway guide, called *The Pathfinder*. He md. Caroline Bishop of Medfield and d. in Toledo, Ohio, Nov. 14, 1854.
 20 VII. *Abel Thomas*, b. Oct. 19, 1816; d. unmd. March 14, 1839.
 21 VIII. *Dorothy Carter*, b. June 16, 1819; md. Samuel Twombly; resides in Iowa.

(5) NAHUM WILDER md. Oct. 15, 1800, Hannah Woods, dau. of Samuel Woods of Princeton, *q. v.* He was a farmer in Princeton. She d. Aug. 19, 1828.

- 22 I. *Milton*, b. Nov. 15, 1801.
 23 II. *Mary Woods*, b. May 13, 1803.
 24 III. *Caroline*, b. Nov. 26, 1805.
 25 IV. *Lucy B.*, b. July 17, 1809.
 26 V. *Samuel Woods*, b. March 12, 1812.
 27 VI. *Harriet Atwood*, b. Nov. 8, 1815.
 28 VII. *Alden Augustus*, b. July 23, 1817.
 29 VIII. *Solon Franklin*, b. Aug. 11, 1819.
 30 IX. *Sarah Fuller*, b. Dec. 24, 1821.

- (12) THOMAS WILDER md. Mary Woods, dan. of Samuel Woods, *q. v.* He lived in Princeton a few years and removed to Ware. He was a representative in the Legislature from Ware. He d. suddenly at a meeting of the American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions, May 31, 1867.

- 31 I. *Thomas Scott*, b. Jan. 31, 1813.
 32 II. *Mary Woods*, b. May 17, 1816; d. Feb. 23, 1826.
 33 III. *Abbie Whitney*, b. —; md. Charles E. Ryan.
 34 IV. *Rebecca Kimball*, b. —.

- 35 CALEB WILDER, brother of Samuel, was b. in Lancaster July 1, 1741. He md. Elizabeth Woodward and probably did not remove from Lancaster to Ashburnham until about 1780. He was a farmer. His wife d. June 6, 1799; he was drowned in Douglas March 25, 1816. The children may not be arranged in order of age.

- 36 I. *Deborah*, b. 1774; md. Capt. John Willard, *q. v.*
 37 II. *Betsy*, b. 1778; d. unmd. Jan. 11, 1854.
 38 III. *Joseph*, b. —. He was md. and resided in Waterville, Vt., where he d. about 1823. Elmira M. Wilder, wife of Charles W. Whitney, is a dau. of Joseph Wilder.
 39 IV. *Abigail*, b. Jan. 3, 1783; md. Samuel Whitney, *q. v.*
 40 V. *Nancy*, b. Oct. 23, 1786; md. Josiah Lane, *q. v.*
 41 VI. *Rebecca*, bap. Sept. 28, 1788.
 42 VII. *Caleb*, bap. May 10, 1789; resided in Fitchburg, where he d. about 1840.
 43 VIII. *Charles Woodward*, b. Dec. 30, 1790.†

- (48) DR. CHARLES W. WILDER was a physician in Templeton and subsequently successful in business and an honored citizen of Leominster. *Vide* page 511. He md. 1820, Myra Lawrence who d. 1848; md. (2d) 1844, Laura S. (Wilder) Kendall, b. Feb. 13, 1816, dau. of Elisha and Mehitabel (Dresser) Wilder. He d. Feb. 12, 1851. His widow md. Hon. Charles H. Merriam.

- 44 I. *Elizabeth*, b. 1822; md. Dr. William D. Peck of Sterling; she d. 1858.
 45 II. *Abigail*, b. 1824; d. 1843.
 46 III. *Charles W.*, b. 1827; md. Emma C. Wood. He d. —.
 47 IV. *Rufus L.*, b. Aug. 31, 1843; Harvard College; M. D.

- 48 v. *Joseph W.*, b. Aug. 21, 1847; Harvard College; a lawyer in Leominster.

- 49 JOSEPH WILDER, son of Joseph, Jr., and Deborah Joslin Wilder and a first cousin of Samuel and Caleb Wilder, was b. in Leominster April 15, 1734. The "Book of Wilders" names his wife, Susanna Phelps. Perhaps he was twice md. for when he removed to this town in 1776, the name of his wife was Elizabeth. The family, according to the custom, was warned out, and ten children were named as follows: Willis, Elizabeth, Relief, Dolly, Peter, Esther, Rebecca, Lucy, Nathan and Molly. The father was styled Capt. Joseph Wilder. The family did not remain in town many years.

- 50 JOHN WILDER, brother of Capt. Joseph, was b. in Leominster 1750. He d. in this town of small-pox Sept. 8, 1776. It is said he had recently returned from the army. I find no record of his marriage.

- 51 JOSIAH WILDER, son of Josiah and Miriam Wilder, was b. in Lancaster, now West Boylston, 1750. He belonged to the same general family but was far removed in kinship from the foregoing families. He was a descendant of John and they of Thomas, sons of Thomas, the first of the name in Lancaster. Josiah Wilder removed to this town probably in 1776. He was chosen to office in 1777 and succeeding years while he remained a citizen of this town. He md. Hezediah Larkin who d. July 4, 1782; he md. (2d) Feb. 4, 1784, Joanna Baker. At the incorporation of Gardner his farm was included in that town where he d. 1826; she d. 1842.

- 52 i. *Azubah*, b. March 23, 1777; md. Uriah Clapp; d. 1852.
 53 ii. *Katie*, b. July 19, 1779; md. Abel Burpee.
 54 iii. *Hezediah*, b. Nov. 2, 1784.
 55 iv. *Josiah*, b. March 5, 1786; md. Mary Wheeler; removed to Fitzwilliam, N. H.
 56 v. *David*, b. Nov. 10, 1787; d. by accident 1818.
 57 vi. *Isaac*, b. Nov. 23, 1789.
 58 vii. *Joanna*, b. March 30, 1792; md. Persis Jones.

- 59 JONATHAN PRESCOTT WILDER was b. in Ashby Feb. 19, 1805. He is a son of Asa and Rebecca (Emerson) Wilder and a grandson of Rufus and Vashti (Prescott)

HISTORY OF ASHBURNHAM.

Wilder of Ashby. Rufus Wilder of Ashby was a brother of Josiah Wilder of Ashburnham and Gardner.

Jonathan Prescott Wilder has resided in this town about fifty years. He is a cabinet maker and lives in Central Village. He md. Feb. 12, 1829, Betsey Townsend of Westminster, who d. June 2, 1871; md. (2d) March 22, 1874, Lucy (Kinsman) Hinds, widow of Francis Hinds, *q. v.*

- 1 JACOB WILKER, b. in Germany 1731, emigrated to Boston in early life and there resided several years. He md. in Boston Anna Barbary Roberts, and with three children removed to this town in May, 1775. He settled in the east part of the town on land still owned and occupied by his descendants. He was a peaceable citizen and a good farmer. His full name was Jacob John George Wilker, but he is known in the records as Jacob Wilker. He d. Nov. 3, 1816, aged 85 years; his wife d. April 16, 1803, aged 70 years.
- 2 1. *Elizabeth*, b. Aug. 7, 1758; md. Dec. 25, 1786, Benjamin Wallis, b. in Lunenburg April 15, 1756, son of Benoni and Rebecca (Brown) Wallis and a brother of David Wallis of Ashburnham. He was a farmer in Ashby where he d. May 11, 1826; she d. Sept. 5, 1800.
- 3 1. Betsey, b. May 17, 1788; d. unmd. July 23, 1820.
- 4 2. Susan, b. Feb. 26, 1791; md. Asa Woods, *q. v.*
- 5 3. Rebecca, b. March 19, 1793; md. Asa Woods, *q. v.*
- 6 4. Benjamin, b. Aug. 17, 1795; md. July 22, 1829, Rebecca Foster, b. June 29, 1808. dau. of John, Jr., and Dorcas (Upton) Foster of Ashby. He d. in Ashby July 23, 1876. Their children were: S. Augusta, wife of Hon. Amasa Norcross, and Benjamin F. now of Fitchburg.
- 7 5. Nancy, b. Jan. 27, 1798; d. unmd. Oct. 13, 1830.
- 8 6. Levi, b. July 28, 1800; d. Sept. 5, 1816.
- 9 11. *George*, b. May 14, 1761. +
- 10 111. *Susan*, b. —; md. Feb. 15, 1794, William Tuttle. They removed to Alstead, N. H.
- 11 1v. *Catherine*, b. Oct. 8, 1775; md. Thomas Bennett, *q. v.*

(9) GEORGE WILKER was a farmer on the homestead. He was a man of ability and a substantial citizen. In 1827 he was one of the thirteen who petitioned the Legislature to be annexed with their estates to Ashby. The measure failed and his friendly relations with his townsmen were disturbed by the result of the issue. He md. July 31, 1787, Martha White of Lancaster. He d. March 9, 1841.

- 12 I. *Joseph*, b. April 19, 1788; d. same day.
- 13 II. *James* (twin), b. April 19, 1788; d. May 6, 1788.
- 14 III. *Martha*, b. June 17, 1789; md. Dec. 29, 1842,
Thomas Gibson of Ashby; she d. May 31,
1846.
- 15 IV. *George*, b. Nov. 2, 1790; d. Dec. 31, 1791.
- 16 V. *George*, b. Dec. 20, 1791.+
- 17 VI. *Anna*, b. Feb. 17, 1793; md. Aug., 1834, Asa
Stratton, b. July 25, 1778, son of Ebenezer and
Tabitha (Davis) Stratton of Rindge. It was his
second marriage; she d. Oct. 26, 1840.
- 18 VII. *Abigail*, b. May 14, 1794; md. Nathan Handley,
q. v.
- 19 VIII. *Susan*, b. Jan. 2, 1796; d. Sept. 29, 1799.
- 20 IX. *John*, b. May 6, 1797; d. Sept. 24, 1799.
- 21 X. *Jacob*, b. Dec. 9, 1798.+
- 22 XI. *Sally*, b. May 9, 1800; d. Aug. 29, 1822.
- 23 XII. *Susan*, b. April 23, 1802; md. Charles F. Crosby,
q. v.
- 24 XIII. *John*, b. April 23, 1805.+

(16) GEORGE WILKER, JR., md. July 12, 1814, Eunice Marble, dau. of Jabez Marble, q. v. He resided on the homestead, where he d. March 27, 1817. The sermon by Mr. Cushing on the occasion was printed. His widow md. (2d) 1819, Josiah Caswell of Fitchburg.

- 25 I. *Mary*, b. Nov. 24, 1815; d. Aug. 6, 1822.
- 26 II. *George*, b. April 7, 1817; d. Aug. 29, 1822.

(21) JACOB WILKER, son of George, md. Oct. 4, 1823, Emma Richardson of Ashby, dau. of Abel Richardson. He was a farmer on the homestead. He d. Nov. 17, 1862.

- 27 I. *Joseph W.*, b. June 14, 1824; md. Jan. 1, 1852,
E. Augusta Willard, dau. of George A. Willard,
q. v. He resides on the homestead. His
children are of the fifth generation of his family
in this town.

- 28 1. Alice S., b. Sept. 25, 1852; md. Sept. 19,
1875, Hosea A. Hartwell of Ashby, son
of Charles Hartwell.
- 29 2. Mirie A., b. Oct. 11, 1858; d. April 30,
1872.
- 30 3. George B., b. May 4, 1862.
- 31 4. Abbie M., b. May 1, 1866.
- 32 II. *Emma J.*, b. July 22, 1827; md. Newell Marble,
q. v.
- 33 III. *Mary L.*, b. May 1, 1832; md. Warren Marble,
q. v.
- 34 IV. *Elmira R.*, b. March 1, 1837; md. John Billings,
q. v.
- 35 V. *Elvira R.* (twin), b. March 1, 1837; md. Dec.
16, 1858, John H. Jenkins of Barnstead, N. H.
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- (24) JOHN WILKER, son of George, md. Oct. 30, 1834,
Phebe Fairbanks, b. in Gardner Dec. 1, 1809, dau. of
Levi Fairbanks, Jr., and a great-granddau. of Stephen
Randall of Ashburnham. He was a farmer. He d. Aug.
3, 1880.
- 36 I. *Sally*, b. Oct. 9, 1835; md. Jacob P. Gates, son
of Everett Gates, *q. v.*
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- 1 JOHN H. WILKINS, son of Jason and Lydia C. (Seward)
Wilkins, was b. in Salem Oct. 14, 1832. He resided
several years in his native city and was a member of the
common council. In 1862 he removed to this town and
is employed as overseer and shipper by the Boston Chair
Manufacturing Co. He is efficient in public affairs, and
the rewards of good citizenship have been freely tendered
by his townsmen. For several years he has been chief
engineer of the fire department, and during the past eleven
years he has presided at the annual March meeting. He
is a member of the present Legislature (1887). Mr.
Wilkins md. at Salem Aug. 2, 1856, Lucy A. Luscomb,
b. in Salem Aug. 20, 1836, dau. of Joseph W. and Lucy
A. Luscomb; she d. July 4, 1861. He md. (2d) Oct. 10,
1865, Mira E. Barrett, dau. of Col. Francis J. Barrett.
q. v.
- 2 I. *Nellie A.*, b. March 2, 1858; d. April 19, 1864.
- 3 II. *Clara L.*, b. Oct. 25, 1859; a teacher in this town.

ILLARD.

MAJOR SIMON WILLARD, whose descendants have been and still are
merous in this town, was from the county of Kent, England. He settled

in Cambridge 1634, and the following year he removed to Concord. His career was honorable and eventful, and during his long life no one was more prominently connected with the affairs of the town of Concord and of the colony. He was a representative and assistant nearly forty years, and was a leader in military affairs. He md. Mary Sharpe, dau. of Henry Sharpe; md. (2d) Elizabeth Dunster; md. (3d) Mary Dunster. He d. April 24, 1676, aged about 68. *Vide* Willard Memoir for an account of the life and service of this distinguished man.

Henry Willard, fourth of the fourteen children of Major Simon Willard, was b. in Concord June 4, 1655. He md. July 18, 1674, Mary Lakin, and settled in Groton. Subsequently he removed to Lancaster. His wife d. about 1688; he md. (2d) Dorcas Cutler. He d. in Lancaster Aug. 27, 1726. There were five children of the first and three of the second marriage.

Henry Willard, son of Henry and Mary (Lakin) Willard, b. at Groton April 11, 1675, md. July 21, 1698, Abigail Temple; md. (2d) previous to 1710, Sarah Nutting. He resided in Lancaster, and by change in town lines in Harvard after 1732.

Henry Willard, son of Henry and Abigail (Temple) Willard, b. about 1700, md. May 24, 1726, Abigail Fairbanks of Lancaster. After 1732 they resided in Harvard, where ten or eleven children were born. He d. Jan. 6, 1774. Among their children were sons Oliver, Timothy, Jacob and John, who were residents of Ashburnham and are named in the following register.

Lucy Willard, wife of Oliver Stone, was a dau. of Tarbell and Rachel (Haskell) Willard, granddau. of Joseph and Elizabeth (Tarbell) Willard and great-granddau. of Henry and Mary (Lakin) Willard.

1 HEZEKIAH WILLARD, son of Hezekiah Willard of Harvard, md. March 25, 1766, Azubah Wood of Stow. In 1768 he removed to this town but did not remain many years. The following fragment of a family record may be of service to any who have additional information.

- 2 I. *Lydia*, b. in Harvard March 6, 1767.
 3 II. *Molly*, b. in Ashburnham Dec. 11, 1768.
 4 III. *Infant*, b. — ; d. April 12, 1771.

5 PETER WILLARD, wife Mary and one child removed to this town from Lancaster in 1778. He went away previous to 1787.

- 6 I. *Betty*.
 7 II. *Peter*, bap. June 20, 1776.
 8 III. *Joel*, bap. Aug. 7, 1779; d. Jan. 9, 1781.

9 OLIVER WILLARD, son of Henry and Abigail (Fairbanks) Willard, was b. in Harvard Oct. 13, 1741. He md. May 29, 1764, Lucy Haskell, and came to Ashburnham 1765. His name is on the roll of Capt. Davis' company in 1775, and he was a selectman in 1776, 1778 and 1779. His name is frequently met in the records until 1783, when he removed to Vermont. It is said he had five sons and five daughters, and the names of seven children are found in the records.

- 10 I. *Oliver*, b. Oct. 24, 1765.
 - 11 II. *Peter*, b. Nov. 5, 1767.
 - 12 III. *Lucy*, bap. Dec. 3, 1769.
 - 13 IV. *Levi*, bap. Jan. 27, 1773.
 - 14 V. *Betty*, bap. May 21, 1775.
 - 15 VI. *Simeon*, bap. June 29, 1777.
 - 16 VII. *Molly*, bap. Sept. 5, 1779.
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17 TIMOTHY WILLARD, son of Henry and Abigail (Fairbanks) Willard, was b. in Harvard Aug. 8, 1748. He md. 1777, Elizabeth Farnsworth, and came to Ashburnham in 1781. He was an innholder on the David Russell farm and was an enterprising citizen. In 1795 or a year or two later, he removed to Vermont. It is not probable that the records preserve the names of all his children.

- 18 I. *Lucy*, b. Sept. 24, 1784.
 - 19 II. *Susan*, b. March 6, 1787.
 - 20 III. *Simeon*, b. March 24, 1789.
 - 21 IV. *Polly Collins*, bap. Oct. 6, 1793.
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22 JACOB WILLARD, son of Henry and Abigail (Fairbanks) Willard, was b. in Harvard July 20, 1734. He settled in this town soon after the removal hither of his brother, Dea. John Willard, and at once became a prominent citizen, maintaining a commanding influence until his death. In the preceding chapters relating to the events of his time and in the list of town officers his name frequently appears. *Vide* page 480. He md. Rhoda Randall. He d. Feb. 22, 1808; his widow d. Dec., 1832.

- 23 I. *Philander Jacob*, b. Sept. 29, 1772. +
- 24 II. *Alexander Tarbell*, b. Nov. 4, 1774. +
- 25 III. *Emma*, b. Dec. 18, 1777; md. 1808, Rev. Thomas Skelton, b. in Billerica Dec. 16, 1779, son of John and Joanna (Johnson) Skelton. He graduated at Harvard University 1806; ordained and installed over church in Foxboro' Nov. 2, 1808, where he was pastor until Feb. 25, 1815; installed at Enosburg, Vt., July 3, 1822, and dismissed March 25, 1825. He resided some years in this town, where he d. May 8, 1838; his widow d., at the Home for Aged Women in Boston, Nov. 3, 1881, aged nearly 104 years. Five children.

26 1. Thomas Willard, b. Sept. 10, 1810; d. young.

- 27 2. Thomas Willard, b. June 7, 1815; d.
 young.
- 28 3. Daniel Hardy, b. June 18, 1818; com-
 pleted study in medicine; d. April 20,
 1841.
- 29 4. Charles W. H., b. Dec. 20, 1820; d. by
 accident Aug. 8, 1828.
- 30 5. Catherine Emma, b. Dec. 27, 1823; md.
 Oct. 12, 1834, David W. Jewett; he d.
 1844; she md. (2d) Nov. 10, 1857,
 J. N. Page, who d. Aug. 9, 1859.
- 31 iv. Catherine, b. May 24, 1781; md. George R.
 Cushing, Esq., q. v.

(23) PHILANDER JACOB WILLARD resided in this town until
about 1825, when he removed to Ashby. He was a
captain of the Ashburnham Light Infantry and was
engaged in this town and in Ashby in the manufacture of
clocks. He md. 1796, Rhoda Wheeler, b. in Ashby,
Oct. 18, 1773, dau. of Amos Wheeler. They were
divorced and he md. (2d) 1807, Hannah P. Snow of
Dublin, N. H. He d. in Ashby Dec. 26, 1840; his
widow d. Dec. 26, 1853.

- 32 i. Augustine Horace, b. May 18, 1809.
- 33 ii. Julia, b. —; md. Rufus O. Severance. He d.
 in Ashby Aug 5, 1873; she d. June 24, 1874.
- 34 iii. Horatio, b. Sept. 25, 1819; md. Sept. 9, 1846,
 Joanna Robinson of West Scituate. He resided
 at Hingham and in Boston. Four children. He
 d. Nov. 6, 1862.

(24) ALEXANDER TARBELL WILLARD removed to Ashby in
1801 and for many years was an enterprising and
influential citizen. He was postmaster of Ashby 1812-36.
He became widely known as a manufacturer of clocks
and many specimens of his work are still in use. In
this business for some years his brother was associated
with him. He was a large owner in the North Turnpike.
He md. 1800, Tila Oakes of Cohasset. He d. in Ashby
Dec. 4, 1850.

- 35 i. Caroline Cutler, b. April 11, 1801; d. Dec. 22,
 1822.
- 36 ii. George Augustus, b. Feb. 28, 1803. +
- 37 iii. Catherine Cushing, b. Oct. 15, 1805; unmd.;
 resides in Cohasset.

- 38 iv. *Laura Sophia*, b. Dec. 17, 1808; md. *Isaac*
 Lawrence of Ashby; d. in Lowell July 10, 1841.
 39 v. *Emma Augusta*, b. Oct. 15, 1814; md. *John M.*
 Whitney; d. in Boston Nov. 24, 1881.
 40 vi. *Alexander Tarbell*, b. Feb. 16, 1818; he is a
 dentist in Chelsea.
 41 vii. *Lysander Bascom*, b. July 18, 1821, resides on the
 homestead in Ashby. He md. *Charlotte Conant*
 of Townsend.
 42 viii. *Charles Henry*, b. May 26, 1823; resides in
 Cohasset; md. *Maria Lawrence* of Cohasset.

(36) **GEORGE A. WILLARD** is a farmer in Ashburnham living
 on the farm where his grandfather settled. He md. Oct.
 28, 1828, *Elvira Hunt*, b. in Jaffrey, N. H., March 24,
 1808, dau. of *Nathan* and *Abigail (Hale) Hunt*.

- 43 i. *Elvira Augusta*, b. Feb. 4, 1830; md. *Joseph W.*
 Wilker, q. v.
 44 ii. *Maria Smith*, b. Sept. 1, 1831; d. April, 1843.
 45 iii. *Catherine Cushing*, b. Nov. 1, 1833; md. Jan. 1,
 1854, *George F. Crosby*, son of *Charles Crosby*,
 q. v.; reside in Fitchburg.
 46 iv. *George A.*, b. Dec. 6, 1835; md. Dec. 16, 1858,
 Mary E. Martin, dau. of *Ephraim Martin*;
 resides in Rindge.
 47 v. *Caroline Emma*, b. Sept. 2, 1837; md. 1858,
 George O. Whitney; md. (2d) *George W.*
 Milliken of Charlestown, N. H.
 48 vi. *Mary Elizabeth*, b. July 9, 1840; md. *Robert*
 Braddocks; d. in Fitchburg July 27, 1869.
 49 vii. *Abbie Jane*, b. May 24, 1843; md. *Immo A.*
 Morey; reside in Easthampton.
 50 viii. *Ann Maria*, b. Jan. 13, 1845; md. July, 1863,
 Samuel E. Stone; she d. July 13, 1866.
 51 ix. *Sarah Frances*, b. May 5, 1847; md. July, 1863,
 Noah G. Jackman; d. in Alstead, N. H., April
 26, 1865.

52 **DEA. JOHN WILLARD**, son of *Henry* and *Abigail (Fair-*
banks) Willard, was b. in Harvard July 26, 1739. He
 md. 1765, *Sarah Willard*, b. Nov. 14, 1746. He was
 not md. in Harvard but the intentions are recorded there
 under date of Jan. 6, 1765. He removed to this town
 1768 and settled on the farm subsequently owned by his
 son, *Silas Willard, Esq.* He was a prominent man in
 town affairs until failing health prevented a continued

service. In 1772 he was chosen a deacon and in 1788 he expressed a desire to be relieved from the duties of the office. The esteem of his brethren is reflected in their responsive vote, "That the church thank him for his past services and they wish him better health, and that he would officiate as often as his health will admit." After a lingering illness he d. of consumption July 3, 1793; his widow d. Nov. 18, 1834.

- 53 I. *John*, b. Oct. 26, 1766. +
- 54 II. *Silas*, b. Oct. 8, 1768. +
- 55 III. *Simon*, b. March 28, 1770. +
- 56 IV. *Sarah*, b. Dec. 8, 1771; md. Abraham Foster,
q. v.
- 57 V. *Henry*, b. Dec. 25, 1773. +
- 58 VI. *Susannah*, b. Jan. 18, 1776; md. Asa Peirce, q. v.
- 59 VII. *Abigail*, b. April 17, 1780; md. Rev. Leonard
Bennett, a Methodist clergyman.
- 60 VIII. *Elijah*, b. April 26, 1782; a Methodist clergyman;
md. Thankful Gross; d. at Saugus Sept. 5,
1852. Ten children. *Vide* page 510.
- 61 IX. *Ezra*, b. Oct. 11, 1784; d. unmd. at —, 1810.
- 62 X. *Jonas*, b. May 2, 1786. +

- (53) JOHN WILLARD, son of Dea. John Willard, md. April 5, 1792, Deborah Wilder, dau. of Caleb Wilder, q. v. He was a farmer and on the farm now of Benjamin E. Wetherbee. He was a captain of the militia and a selectman several years. He d. March 23, 1850, aged 83 years; she d. Oct. 24, 1859, aged nearly 86 years.

- 63 I. *John*, b. Sept. 27, 1793. +
- 64 II. *Caleb*, b. March 9, 1796; d. in New Orleans
unmd. Dec. 20, 1819.
- 65 III. *Deborah*, b. April 13, 1798; d. Oct. 15, 1805.
- 66 IV. *Emery*, b. Nov. 24, 1800; md. Irene Benjamin,
dau. of Daniel Benjamin. q. v. Eleven chil-
dren. They lived in Brighton.
- 67 V. *Nelson*, b. Feb. 15, 1803; md. Caroline Dwelley.
Seven children. They removed to Leominster.
- 68 VI. *Elizabeth W.*, b. July 20, 1805; md. Josiah
Locke, q. v.
- 69 VII. *Merrick*, b. Sept. 10, 1807. +
- 70 VIII. *Deborah*, b. Sept. 11, 1810; md. Levi Rice, q. v.
- 71 IX. *Susan*, b. Oct. 1, 1812; md. Oct. 30, 1834, Ben-
jamin E. Lyndes; she d. Jan. 18, 1835.
- 72 X. *Abigail*, b. —; d. March 9, 1837.
- 73 XI. *Infant*, b. —; d. May 16, 1816.

(54) **SILAS WILLARD, Esq.**, son of Dea. John, resided on the homestead. *Vide* page 481. He was a captain of the Light Infantry and a member of the boards of selectmen and assessors twenty years, and in his influence in the direction of public affairs he has left the impress of character and ability. He md. July 18, 1793, **Mary Jones**, dau. of Enos Jones, *q. v.* She d. Feb. 11, 1837; he d. June 14, 1855.

74 i. **Mary**, b. Oct. 16, 1794; md. **Humphrey Harris**,
q. v.

75 ii. **Cynthia**, b. Feb. 1, 1796; md. Sept. 17, 1816,
Jonathan Y. Gross, b. in Wellfleet Oct. 15,
1792, son of Thomas and Abigail (Young)
Gross. They resided a few years in this town
and subsequently in Duxbury. She d. April 8,
1870.

76 iii. **Sylvia**, b. May 1, 1798; md. **Jonathan Winches-**
ter, *q. v.*

77 iv. **Clarissa**, b. June 30, 1800; md. Col. **Enoch Whit-**
more, *q. v.*

78 v. **Lucy**, b. July 4, 1802; md. Feb. 11, 1824,
Ephraim Stearns, b. July 19, 1798, son of
Samuel and Lydia (Clement) Stearns. They
resided in Montague, Templeton, Ashburnham,
Rindge and Winchendon. Ten children.

79 vi. **Silas**, b. Dec. 8, 1804. +

80 vii. **Catherine**, b. Feb. 23, 1807; md. Dec. 22, 1835,
Rev. Frederick P. Stuart, b. in Claremont,
N. H., Aug. 15, 1805, son of **Samuel Stuart**.
She d. Nov. 7, 1850. One child d. young.

81 viii. **Lewis Lincoln**, b. July 24, 1809. +

82 ix. **Harriet**, b. Dec. 10, 1811; md. June 1, 1851,
Rev. Frederick P. Stuart; she d. in Fitchburg
Dec. 4, 1877; he d. 1878.

88 x. **Louisa**, b. Jan. 2, 1816; d. Aug. 3, 1816.

(55) **SIMON WILLARD**, son of Dea. John, was a farmer in this town. He md. Feb. 23, 1792, **Nancy Cutting**, dau. of **Samuel Cutting**, *q. v.* He d. July 20, 1854; she d. Jan. 29, 1860.

84 i. **Abel**, b. June 22, 1792; d. unmd. in Cambridge
where he was engaged in hotel and stage busi-
ness.

85 ii. **Anna**, b. Dec. 16, 1794; md. — **Farrington**;
resided in Boston and at the South.

- 86 1. Mary Ann, b. April 4, 1823 ; md. Stephen Ward, *q. v.*
- 87 III. Samuel, b. Oct. 15, 1796 ; md. Charlotte Lincoln and resided in this town until 1821, when he removed to Dighton.
- 88 IV. Charles, b. Dec. 15, 1798 ; was a printer in Cambridge.
- 89 V. Bromley, b. Dec. 31, 1801.
- 90 VI. Lyman, b. — ; conducted a hotel in Cambridge, where he d. of small-pox.
- 91 VII. Hannah, b. — ; unmd. ; resides in Cambridge.
- 92 VIII. Oren, b. — ; md. March 11, 1828, Susan Wyeth, b. in Cambridge May 6, 1798, dau. of Jonas and Elizabeth (Smith) Wyeth ; resided in Ashby, Ashburnham and in Leominster. Several children.

- (57) HENRY WILLARD, son of Dea. John, md. 1804, Martha Humphrey of Orange. He was a captain of the Light Infantry and is frequently named in the records. For several years he was a blacksmith at North Ashburnham, and late in life he removed to Winchester, N. H. The records and a prolonged search elsewhere furnish the briefest record.

- 93 I. Thomas Jefferson, b. Nov. 28, 1805.
- 94 II. Francis Alexander, b. Nov. 4, 1807.
- 95 III. Ezra.
- 96 IV. Henry.
- 97 V. Martha.
- 98 VI. Lydia.
- 99 VII. Lois.
- 100 VIII. Samantha.

- (62) JONAS WILLARD, son of Dea. John, md. Ruth Lincoln and resided a few years in Dighton, where his eldest son was b. About 1814 he returned to Ashburnham. He was a farmer at North Ashburnham. He d. April 17, 1854 ; his widow d. July 20, 1857.

- 101 I. Alonzo L., b. June 1, 1812. +
- 102 II. Charlotte A., b. Jan. 26, 1815 ; md. March 11, 1835, Hiram Dwinnell ; she d. Jan. 21, 1854. He md. (2d) 1855, Zurilla Stone of Oxford ; he d. March 21, 1874.

- 103 1. Jonas Willard, b. 1839. Served in the 21st Regiment ; lost an arm. Has been

- postmaster and station agent at Bur-
rageville. He md. Nov. 19, 1867, Sarah
E. Pierce; she d. Nov. 2, 1880; md.
(2d) Sept. 17, 1886, Mary E. Casey.
- 104 2. Waldo, b. 1842. Enlisted in the 21st
Regiment; d. in Andersonville prison,
Sept., 1864.
- 105 3. Minerva, b. Sept. 3, 1847; d. April 16,
1862.
- 106 III. *Marcus M.*, b. March 17, 1817; d. Dec. 4, 1841.
- 107 IV. *Alfred B.*, b. April 26, 1819; d. Sept. 11, 1825.
- 108 V. *Fannie M.*, b. April 4, 1822; d. in Leominster,
unmd., Aug. 21, 1877.
- 109 VI. *Alfred L.*, b. Dec. 11, 1825; d. young.
- 110 VII. *Almeda*, b. May 2, 1829, d. young.
- 111 VIII. *Elizabeth*, b. July 3, 1832; md. Frank N. Bout-
well of Leominster.

(63) JOHN WILLARD, son of Capt. John, md. July 4, 1820,
Polly Corey, dau. of Stephen Corey. He was a farmer
on the homestead, now of Benjamin E. Wetherbee. He
was a man of good ability. He d. Aug. 5, 1853; she d.
April 30, 1856.

- 112 I. *Mary Ann*, b. April 18, 1821; md. Franklin B.
Stoddard, b. Oct. 19, 1823, son of Charles and
Lovisa (Brigham) Stoddard of Chesterfield, N.
H.; she d. —.
- 113 II. *Infant*, b. Aug., 1823; d. Oct. 2, 1823.
- 114 III. *John Merrick*, b. March 24, 1825; d. unmd. 1849.
- 115 IV. *Melinda Corey*, b. March 22, 1828; md. Nathaniel
Pierce, q. r.
- 116 V. *Infant*, b. —; d. Sept. 21, 1830.
- 117 VI. *Jane Almira*, b. Aug. 6, 1832; md. Oct. 23, 1856,
Charles G. Cushing, son of Laban Cushing,
q. r.
- 118 VII. *David E.*, b. Sept. 28, 1839; md. June 12, 1876,
Francena J. Whitney, dau. of Merrick Whitney,
q. r. He is in the livery business in Fitchburg.
Two children.

(69) MERRICK WILLARD, son of Capt. John, was a farmer in
this town. He md. May 30, 1830, Mary G. Smith, who
d. May 2, 1837; md. (2d) Oct. 9, 1837, Theda Stoddard,
b. May 10, 1813, dau. of Charles and Lovisa (Brigham)
Stoddard of Chesterfield, N. H. He d. Aug. 21, 1877;
his widow resides in this town.

- 119 i. *Edward T.*, b. May 23, 1831; d. June 1, 1850.
- 120 ii. *Charles M.*, b. June 30, 1832; resides in California; unmd.
- 121 iii. *Mary Jane*, b. Feb. 16, 1836; md. Austin Brooks, *q. v.*
- 122 iv. *Francis S.*, b. Jan. 9, 1842; enlisted in Company A, 30th Regiment; d. in the service Feb. 8, 1863.
- 123 v. *Julia A.*, b. July 8, 1845; md. Charles W. Kendall; reside in Fitchburg,
- 124 vi. *Ellen M.*, b. Oct. 7, 1847; d. July 17, 1870.
- 125 vii. *John Quincy*, b. Sept. 10, 1849; md. Dec. 24, 1873, Martha A. Puffer, dau. of Reuben Puffer, *q. v.*; resides in this town.
- 126 viii. *Frederic E.*, b. Jan. 3, 1852; md. Feb. 20, 1878, Almira A. Williams, b. Oct. 31, 1858, dau. of David W. Williams of Richmond, N. H. She d. Oct. 17, 1881; he d. Nov. 20, 1882.
- 127 ix. *Eva J.*, b. April 4, 1854; unmd.; resides at home.
- 128 x. *Royal Ellis*, b. June 23, 1857; md. Nov. 27, 1878, Annette Wallace; md. (2d) Oct. 3, 1883, Ida Ripley; resides in this town.

(79) **SILAS WILLARD**, son of Silas, md. May 27, 1830, Sabrina Lawrence, dau. of Capt. Moses Lawrence, *q. v.*, and has remained a resident of this town; his wife d. March 30, 1886.

- 129 i. *Ellen*, b. Feb. 19, 1831; md. Solomon H. Stoddard, *q. v.*
- 130 ii. *Charles Albert*, b. Aug. 16, 1832; md. Oct. 5, 1858, Sarah L. Baldwin of Hinsdale, N. H.
- 131 iii. *Augustine*, b. May 15, 1834; md. July 20, 1860, Mary E. Dix. He is a manufacturer of furniture in Buchanan, Mich.
- 132 iv. *George F.*, b. May 30, 1836; md. Oct. 29, 1859, Ann M. Collins. He d. in Ashburnham Aug. 15, 1865.
- 133 v. *Austin*, b. Sept. 12, 1838; d. Oct. 3, 1840.
- 134 vi. *Esther*, b. March 11, 1841; d. April 29, 1841.
- 135 vii. *Esther Jane*, b. Feb. 21, 1842; md. Feb. 26, 1866, Major Josiah W. Bride, b. in Berlin Nov. 23, 1845, son of Amos and Abigail (Smith) Bride. He was an officer of Company E, and major of the Sixth Regiment, from 1875 to 1884.
- 136 viii. *Henrietta*, b. June 26, 1844; d. April 28, 1846.
- 137 ix. *Clement Edgar*, b. Aug. 30, 1847; md. Dec. 31, 1874, Harriet Clementine Whitney, dau. of

- Merrick Whitney, *q. v.* He resides at Central Village, and, with Luther B. Adams in firm of Adams & Willard, is manufacturing chairs at South Village.
- 138 x. *Flora Emma*, b. Feb. 7, 1850; md. Feb. 28, 1871, Frank B. Gilson, b. in Chesterfield, N. H., June 22, 1849, son of Luke H. and Caroline (Walton) Gilson. He is of the firm of Marble & Gilson, dealers in stoves, hardware and groceries.
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- (81) LEWIS L. WILLARD, son of Silas, md. Dec. 13, 1832, Lydia Clark, dau. of David Clark, *q. v.* He resided in this town and in Leominster. He d. in Somerville.
- 139 i. *Elizabeth Ann*, b. March 8, 1835.
- 140 ii. *Cynthia*, b. Aug. 25, 1838.
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- (101) ALONZO L. WILLARD, son of Jonas, md. May 7, 1837, Lucy Whitney, dau. of William Whitney, *q. v.* He is an intelligent farmer, living on the William Whitney farm.
- 141 i. *Albert T.*, b. Feb. 22, 1838; md. May 23, 1861, Wealthy Kendall, dau. of Alvin Kendall, *q. v.* They reside in Bethel, Vt. Two children.
- 142 ii. *William Henry*, b. March 4, 1842; resides at South Village. He md. May 17, 1870. Mary C. Birrell, dau. of Andrew Birrell, *q. v.* Two children.
- 143 iii. *Herbert A.*, b. Dec. 1, 1844; he is a machinist in Ansonia, Conn.; md. Julia Brown, dau. of William and Catherine (Whitney) Brown.
- 144 iv. *Lucy C.*, b. Sept. 9, 1850; md. George E. Newton of Waltham.
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- 1 JOHN WILSON, b. in Bradford, England, July, 1779, was pressed into the English Navy in the War of 1812. He deserted the service in the harbor of Halifax and in a small boat he made a successful voyage to Boston. He md. at Sudbury, May 8, 1816, Susannah Davis, dau. of Amos Davis, *q. v.*, and the same year he came to this town. He was a farmer and lived near the Dea. Jacob Harris farm. He d. May 9, 1859.
- 2 i. *Levi*, b. May 15, 1817; md. May 28, 1843, Mary Pickering of Durham, N. H., and removed to Peoria, Ill.

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| 3 | H. <i>Jane</i> , b. May 4, 1819; d. unmd. in Winchendon Oct. 27, 1878. |
| 4 | III. <i>Abigail T.</i> , b. Nov., 1820; d. Aug. 23, 1825. |
| 5 | IV. <i>Barbara W.</i> , b. May 8, 1823; d. Dec. 23, 1833. |
| 6 | V. <i>Amos</i> , b. May 7, 1825; md. Nov. 7, 1847, Susan Spaulding of Groton and removed to Marshall, Michigan. |
| 7 | VI. <i>John T.</i> , b. May 4, 1827.† |
| 8 | VII. <i>Hannah C.</i> , b. Dec. 24, 1829; md. Nov. 23, 1853, Levi Barrett of New Ipswich. |
| 9 | VIII. <i>Sarah E.</i> , b. May 10, 1833; md. Jeremiah T. Stowell, <i>q. v.</i> |
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- (7) JOHN T. WILSON is a farmer and a painter, residing on the Peter Hunt farm. He md. Nov. 17, 1852, Ellen E. Godfrey, b. Jan. 30, 1835, dau. of Aaron P. and Mary Jane Godfrey of Chelsea, Vt.
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| 10 | I. <i>Albert M.</i> , b. Oct. 2, 1854; a locomotive engineer, residing in Jackson, Mich. He md. Oct. 3, 1878, Frances Waldron of Homer, Mich. |
| 11 | II. <i>John E.</i> , b. Jan. 16, 1863; md. Nov. 18, 1886, Josie A. Munroe, <i>q. v.</i> |
| 12 | III. <i>Walter H.</i> , b. May 7, 1864. |
| 13 | IV. <i>Carrie E.</i> , b. May 3, 1866. |

WINCHESTER.

REV. JONATHAN WINCHESTER of Ashburnham was of the fourth generation of his family in this country. The lineage is briefly stated. John Winchester, aged 19 years, embarked in ship *Elizabeth* in 1635. He settled in Hingham and was admitted freeman 1637. He md. Oct. 15, 1638, Hannah Sealis, dau. of Dea. Richard Sealis of Scituate. In 1650, he removed to Muddy River, now Brookline, where he d. April 25, 1694. His widow d. Sept. 18, 1697. John Winchester, eldest son of John the emigrant, was bap. in Hingham June 2, 1644. He lived at Muddy River and the records name a wife Hannah and subsequently a wife Joanna. He d. Feb. 1, 1717-18. The sixth of his ten children was Henry Winchester, who md. Oct. 5, 1705, Frances White. They resided in Brookline where their seven children were born; she d. Nov. 21, 1765, aged 86. I have found no record of his death, but it was before Dec. 11, 1750, when mention of his estate is found in Probate records. In the preparation of this register I am under obligations to William A. Amee of Cambridge.

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| 1 | REV. JONATHAN WINCHESTER, the first minister of Ashburnham, a son of Henry and Frances Winchester, was b. in Brookline April 21, 1717. An account of his ministry is found in Chap. VIII. He md. May 5, 1748, Sarah Crofts. He d. Nov. 26, 1767; his widow d. July 27, 1794. Six children were b. in Brookline and four in Ashburnham. |
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HISTORY OF ASHBURNHAM.

- 2 I. *Samuel*, b. May 5, 1749; d. July 18, 1750.
- 3 II. *Elizabeth*, b. June 20, 1751; md. Dea. Jacob
Harris, *q. v.*
- 4 III. *Henry*, b. May 25, 1753. +
- 5 IV. *Jonathan*, b. July 31, 1755. +
- 6 V. *Samuel*, b. July 15, 1757. +
- 7 VI. *Sarah*, b. Dec. 29, 1758; md. Thaddeus Brooks,
q. v.
- 8 VII. *Mehitable*, b. Aug. 13, 1762; d. in Ashburnham,
unmd., March 22, 1815.
- 9 VIII. *William*, b. Sept. 13, 1764. +
- 10 IX. *Mary*, b. Sept. 2, 1766; md. in Ashburnham,
April 26, 1796, Lemuel Jenkins, Jr., of Town-
send.
- 11 X. *Ichabod*, b. July 30, 1768; posthumous.

- (4) HENRY WINCHESTER resided in this town until about 1800, when he removed to Malone, N. Y. His letter of dismissal and recommendation from the church is dated Dec. 16, 1810, but he had been absent several years at that date. He was a soldier in Capt. Gates' company and remained at the siege of Boston in Capt. Wilder's company until the close of the year. He md. in Lancaster, April 30, 1780, Lois Phelps. Eight children were b. in this town.

- 12 I. *Jonathan David*, b. April 28, 1781. +
- 13 II. *Sarah*, b. Jan. 17, 1783; d. 1800.
- 14 III. *Lucy*, b. Feb. 1, 1785; md. Feb. 10, 1809, Rev.
Ashbel Parmelee.
- 15 IV. *Henry*, b. March 20, 1787. +
- 16 V. *Infant*, b. —; d. July 21, 1789.
- 17 VI. *Infant*, b. —; d. July 24, 1790.
- 18 VII. *Polly*, bap. June 24, 1792; md. Barnaby Barnum.
- 19 VIII. *Susanna Crofts*, bap. Oct. 4, 1795; md. —
Fisher.

- (5) JONATHAN WINCHESTER was in Capt. Gates' company 1775 and served an enlistment in Rhode Island 1779. He md. Feb. 13, 1783, Persis Whitmore, dau. of Joseph Whitmore, *q. v.* He was a farmer in the southeast part of the town and was one of the builders of the Lord's Barn. He was a man of unblemished character, modest and unassuming. His life was a sermon of peace and good will to his fellow-men. He d. Jan. 16, 1837, aged 81; his widow d. July 17, 1837, aged 82.

- 20 i. *Dolly*, b. Feb. 10, 1784; md. Enos Kelton, son
of Capt. Samuel Kelton, *q. v.*
- 21 ii. *Samuel*, b. Sept. 13, 1785. +
- 22 iii. *Jonathan*, b. Oct. 9, 1787. +
- 23 iv. *Infant*, b. 1789; d. Dec. 30, 1790.
- 24 v. *Persis*, b. Feb. 6, 1791; md. Jan. 4, 1843, Dea.
Ezra Hemenway, b. Sept. 13, 1779, son of
Samuel and Hannah (Rice) Hemenway. He
was a deacon of the Hollis Evangelical church
in Framingham. He d. June 26, 1847; she d.
Feb. 24, 1873.
- 25 vi. *Caleb*, b. March 12, 1793. +
- 26 vii. *Betsey*, b. July 18, 1796; md. Nov. 2, 1819, Abiel
Holt, son of Abiel and — Holt; resided in
Milford, N. H., where she d. June 9, 1869.
No children.
- 27 viii. *William*, b. Oct. 19, 1798; md. June 10, 1824,
Sophronia Holt, b. in Milford, N. H., Dec. 6,
1803. They resided a few years in Boston
where he was engaged in business. While tem-
porarily sojourning in quest of health he d. in
New Ipswich April 3, 1828; she md. (2d)
Daniel F. Stevens of Amherst, N. H. These
are the parents of George F. Stevens of Ash-
burnham. Of William and Sophronia (Holt)
Winchester there was one child.
- 28 i. *Alma E.*, b. Aug. 5, 1825; d. in Amherst,
N. H., unmd., May 13, 1866.

(6) SAMUEL WINCHESTER resided in Brookline and in
Boston. He md. July 11, 1782, Martha Reed, b. Oct.
15, 1759; d. Sept. 11, 1791; he md. (2d) 1792, Theo-
dora Wales, b. 1767, dau. of Nathaniel and Sarah Wales
of Randolph; she d. Oct. 6, 1795; md. (3d) Dec. 10,
1801, Hannah Bates of Abington. He d. in Boston
April 3, 1811. His widow md. (2d) — Richardson
and d. in Philadelphia.

- 29 i. *Samuel*, b. April 25, 1783; d. May 7, 1807.
- 30 ii. *Martha*, b. June 12, 1785; md. March 8, 1810,
Abel Hubbard of Groton.
- 31 iii. *William*, b. Nov. 21, 1787; unmd.; d. in Balti-
more, Md., 1829.
- 32 iv. *Jonathan Reed*, b. March 28, 1790; d. Oct. 18,
1793.
- 33 v. *George*, b. Aug. 1, 1793. He was a Methodist
clergyman; d. in Middleborough Nov. 18,

1862; md. May 30, 1816. Betsey Curtis, b. in East Stoughton June 4, 1795, dau. of William and Hannah (Linfield) Curtis; she d. Feb. 2, 1879.

34 VI. *Sarah Wales*, b. Dec. 30, 1794; md. *Royal Johnson*.

35 VII. *Mary Ann*, b. Oct. 3, 1802; md. Oct. 3, 1818, *Cyrus Brett*.

36 VIII. *Abigail Crocker*, b. Jan. 21, 1805; d. Nov. 26, 1806.

37 IX. *Augustus*, b. Nov. 29, 1806. He was a merchant in Philadelphia. He md. Oct. 5, 1828, *Abigail Hutchinson*, b. in Boston May 23, 1805, dau. of James and Sarah (Withington) Hutchinson. He d. April 7, 1869.

38 X. *Samuel Croft*, b. Nov. 30, 1810; md. Dec. 1, 1831, *Ruth Elizabeth Gridley*, b. in Boston Aug. 30, 1807, dau. of Samuel and Ruth (Studley) Gridley. She d. in Baltimore, Md., July 27, 1846. He md. (2d) May 17, 1848, *Julia A. Hancock*, b. in Narrows, Md., May 30, 1828, dau. of Benjamin F. and Mary A. Hancock. He was a merchant in Baltimore, Maryland.

39 XI. *Oliver Fisher* (twin), b. Nov. 30, 1810. Hon. Oliver Fisher Winchester was Lieut. Governor of Connecticut 1866, and honorably filled other positions of trust in State and municipal affairs. In early life he was a carpenter and contractor in Baltimore. He removed in 1847 to New Haven, Conn., and became identified with several successful business enterprises and was the founder of the Winchester Arms Company of New Haven. He md. Feb. 20, 1834, *Jane Ellen Hope*, b. in Portland, Me., Dec. 28, 1809, dau. of Robert Hope, a native of England.

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- (12) REV. JONATHAN DAVID WINCHESTER was a Presbyterian minister of some celebrity. *Vide* page 495. He preached in Madrid and Waddington, N. Y., 1811-21; in Brighton, N. Y., 1821-25; and in Ohio several years. He d. at Madison, Ohio, Aug. 17, 1835. He md. *Hannah M. Bunn*, b. in Norfolk, Conn., May 11, 1784, dau. of John and Bethiah (Fields) Bunn; she md. (2d) May 2, 1842, *Joseph B. Cowles*, who d. 1854; she d. at Staceyville, Iowa, Jan. 23, 1876.

- 40 i. *Philander*, b. Oct. 4, 1812; was by occupation a civil engineer. He was a pioneer in the anti-slavery and temperance reforms and his life was devoted to philanthropy. He md. April 9, 1838, Elizabeth Gilman Calkins, b. in Waterbury, Vt., Aug. 16, 1814, dau. of Charles and Maria (Gilman) Calkins. He resided many years in Ohio and d. at Detroit, Mich., April 24, 1878. Nine children.
- 41 ii. *Dilectus*, b. Jan. 17, 1814; d. Sept. 10, 1814.
- 42 iii. *Darius*, b. Sept. 29, 1815; d. Sept. 23, 1821.
- 43 iv. *Electus*, b. Nov. 15, 1817; unmd.; resides in Staceyville, Iowa.
- 44 v. *Mary D.*, b. March 20, 1822; d. Feb. 2, 1839.
- 45 vi. *Melana*, b. July 19, 1824; md. Sept. 14, 1861, Orran Orcutt. He was postmaster at Staceyville, Iowa, where he d. Feb. 5, 1882; his widow was appointed his successor. Two daughters: Edith Melana, b. Jan. 11, 1865; Orpha E., b. Aug. 25, 1866.
- 46 vii. *Amandus*, b. June 25, 1827; md. June 6, 1855, Margaret Patton. He resides at St. Joseph, Michigan.

(15) HENRY WINCHESTER, son of Henry, was a farmer in Madrid, N. Y., where he d. Oct. 22, 1836. He md. 1808, Sybil Whipple, b. in Malone, N. Y., May 16, 1791; d. Jan. 13, 1813; md. (2d) Aug. 22, 1814, Isabel O. Foster, b. in Middlebury, Vt., Jan. 9, 1785; d. Sept. 8, 1868.

- 47 i. *David*, b. Oct. 10, 1810; md. Oct. 19, 1837, Mrs. Elvira (Blanchard) Spring. He d. in Malone, N. Y., April 1, 1845.
- 48 ii. *Holland*, b. May 5, 1812; md. Sarah Sparhawk.
- 49 iii. *Infant*, d. young.
- 50 iv. *Orpha Maria*, b. May, 1817; md. Edward S. Barrett; md. (2d) Dea. Harlow Perry.
- 51 v. *William Henry*, b. Oct. 10, 1820; md. 1840, Eliza Sparhawk, who d. 1842; md. (2d) Jane R. Keesey. He resides at River Falls, Wis.
- 52 vi. *Warren W.*, b. April 22, 1823. Middlebury College 1842; is a Congregational clergyman at Williamstown. He md. July 26, 1848, Catherine M. Seaverance.
- 53 vii. *Oliver W.*, b. April 18, 1826. Middlebury College 1849. A missionary in Turkey under the auspices of the A. B. C. F. M. He now resides at Reedsburg, Wis. He md. Aug. 10, 1852,

Mary Abbie Learned; md. (2d) Oct. 9, 1856,
Janette S. Jones.

- (21) SAMUEL WINCHESTER, son of Jonathan, Jr., was a successful farmer and influential citizen of Sullivan, N. H., where he d. Oct. 20, 1865. He md. May 7, 1813, Sarah Foster, b. in Roxbury, N. H., June 21, 1794, dau. of Enoch and Rebecca (French) Foster. He md. (2d) Chloe F. Boynton, dau. of David Boynton; md. (3d) Eusebia Eames, who d. June 12, 1880. One child by first, eight by second and one by third marriage.

- 54 I. *Sarah F.*, b. Jan. 27, 1814; md. John Thompson;
md. (2d) Levi Barrett of Gilsun.
- 55 II. *Enoch Whitmore*, b. April 28, 1816; md. Dec. 3,
1841, Mary E. Petts; md. (2d) March 9, 1846,
Martha Kingsbury.
- 56 III. *Emory* (twin), b. April 28, 1816; d. Dec. 12, 1816.
- 57 IV. *Mary M.*, b. Nov. 22, 1817; md. Jan. 6, 1840, C.
C. Comstock; she d. Dec., 1863.
- 58 V. *Harriet Eliza*, b. July 2, 1819; md. May 4, 1842,
Jacob Staples.
- 59 VI. *Samuel Alexander*, b. May 24, 1823; is a merchant
at Grand Rapids, Mich.; md. April 1, 1847,
Mary Elizabeth Gibbs, dau. of Matthew Gibbs
of Framingham; she d. 1848; md. (2d) 1851,
Rebecca Bailey, b. in Swanzey, N. H., 1825;
d. July 21, 1877; md. (3d) Oct. 26, 1881,
Martha (Gibbs) Bailey.
- 60 VII. *Alpheus Boynton*, b. March 19, 1825; d. 1872.
- 61 VIII. *William Warren*, b. Sept. 4, 1827.
- 62 IX. *Chloe Augusta*, b. Oct. 17, 1830; d. Feb. 15, 1851.
- 63 X. *Elliot C.*, b. Oct. 2, 1832; md. March 17, 1857,
Annie E. Rawson. He represented Sullivan in
the Legislature 1871-1872, and has recently
removed to Grand Rapids, Mich.

- (22) JONATHAN WINCHESTER, son of Jonathan, Jr., md. June 22, 1815, Sylvia Willard, dau. of Silas Willard, Esq., q. r.; she d. Oct. 3, 1832; he md. (2d) Dec. 31, 1834, Mary (Rice) Ward, widow of Caleb Ward, q. r. He was a farmer in this town where he d. Oct. 24, 1870; his wife d. Nov. 26, 1858.

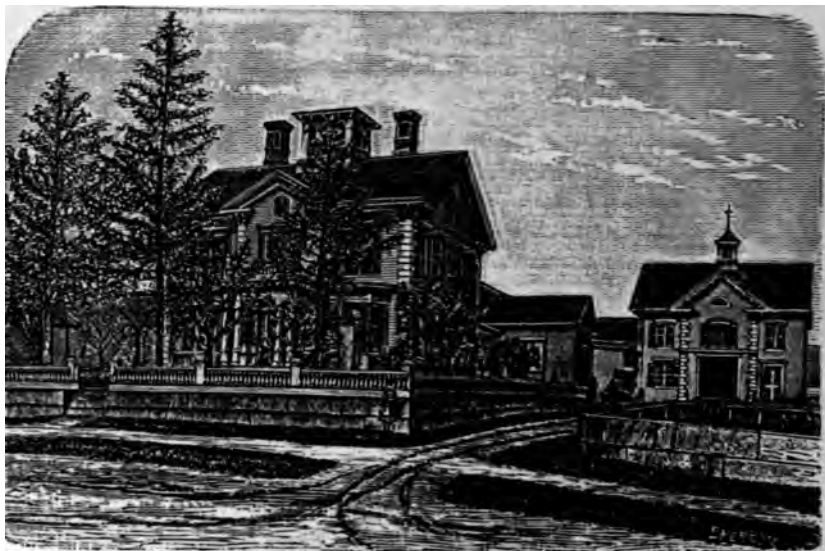
- 64 I. *Albert Norris*, b. Jan. 27, 1816; md. March 12,
1848, Adaline Lewis; removed to Fitchburg.
- 65 II. *Harriet Amelia*, b. March 10, 1818; md. Dec. 8,
1837, Joseph Plaistrige of Cornish, N. H.

- 66 iii. *Silas Willurd*, b. July 28, 1820; md. April 12, 1842, Mary A. Gipson, dau. of Henry Gipson, q. v. She d. Dec. 19, 1857; he d. Jan 22, 1859.
- 67 iv. *Laura Augusta*, b. Feb. 12, 1822; d. June 12, 1837.
- 68 v. *Sylvia W.*, b. July 5, 1832; md. Sept. 21, 1851, Frederick W. Haskins.

(25) CALEB WINCHESTER, son of Jonathan, Jr., md. May 26, 1817, Lydia Sanderson, dau. of Moses Sanderson, q. v. He removed to Brighton and was actively engaged in the cattle and meat trade. He d. April 8, 1828; his widow d. Feb. 20, 1844.

- 69 i. *Charles*, b. May 24, 1819.+
- 70 ii. *Susan*, b. April 22, 1821; md. May 4, 1843, John M. Whitney, who d. May 23, 1861; she resides in this town.
- 71 iii. *George Otis*, b. July 27, 1823; d. May 2, 1824.
- 72 iv. *Lydia Ann*, b. Jan. 29, 1825; md. April 27, 1846, Joseph M. Whitman, who is living in Chicago, Ill. She d. Sept 16, 1848, leaving one son.
- 73 1. Frederick, b. June 30, 1848; resides, unmd., in Chicago, Ill.
- 74 v. *George Caleb*, b. April 23, 1828.+

(69) CHARLES WINCHESTER was born in Brighton, but his parents were natives of this town and substantial representatives of Ashburnham families. His father died before he had completed his ninth year, and the widowed mother with four children removed to this town. At the age of twenty years he opened a store on Water street and at once manifested an aptitude for business, which has distinguished his subsequent career. After three years he removed to a store on Main street, on the site of the present "Brick Store," and here he continued in trade alone and with his brother nearly thirty years. In 1842 he purchased of Philip R. Merriam a small chair factory, which stood below the bridge on Main street. Under his sagacious management this business was rapidly developed and the store became an adjunct to an important and growing industry. In Chap. XVII. reference is made to the growth of the chair business in this town, and in this connection the details are not repeated. Since his retirement from an active participation in the business affairs of this town, Mr. Winchester has remained a resident of Ashburnham. He has been interested in



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several commercial and manufacturing enterprises in Boston and at the West, and has made liberal investments in western and southern lands.

He has been a director of the Rollstone National Bank of Fitchburg since its organization, and was a director of the Rollstone Bank under its former charter, and for many years he has been a trustee of the Worcester North Savings Institution. He is a trustee of the Cushing Academy and of the Wesleyan Academy at Wilbraham. Yet, through the years of an active life, Mr. Winchester has never sought office nor desired positions in corporate and monetary institutions.

As a citizen he has constantly manifested a commendable interest in the growth and prosperity of Ashburnham. He was a generous contributor to the building fund of the Methodist church and to a substantial support of the society he has supplemented the gift of a commodious parsonage. The pipe organ in the church edifice was presented by Mrs. Winchester. He md. Feb. 28, 1844, Nancy E. Maynard, dau. of Antipas Maynard, *q. v.*

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1. *Lizzie C.*, b. Nov. 1, 1847; md. Nov. 29, 1866, Herbert F. Whiting, son of Francis D. and Olive (Carpenter) Whiting. They reside in this town.

1. Frederick C., b. June 1, 1868; d. Nov. 17, 1871.

2. Edith E., b. Dec. 29, 1870.

3. Mabel L., b. Dec. 30, 1874.

II. *Frederick C.*, b. July 13, 1852; md. June 23, 1873, Ardella A. Pike.

4) **GEORGE C. WINCHESTER** was born in Brighton a few days after the death of his father. He came to Ashburnham in childhood. In 1848 he was admitted to an equal partnership in the store and chair business in the firm of C. and G. C. Winchester. In 1870, by purchase, he became the sole proprietor of an extensive business, and after a few years of able and sagacious management his mental forces failed and his business became seriously complicated. At mid-age he had performed the labor of a lifetime, and the brain of the master refused to obey the commands of courage unimpaired. With failing energy he struggled for continued supremacy, yet all escaped from his nerveless grasp. If, in his methods in an hour of severest trial, he did not secure the approbation of his friends, he received their tearful sympathy as he left a fortune he had made, a business he had founded, a town he had enriched, a village he had improved and beautified, to the enjoyment of his early and later friends and associates.

In former pages, referring to the business interests of this town, reference was made to the foundations he laid and the edifice he reared. The architect in his personal habit remains, as yet, unnoticed. George C. Winchester was unlike all other men, and his severest critics will be those who knew him least — those who never were invited within the inner warmth and light of a sympathetic and responsive nature. In his daily life, when free for a moment from the burdens of an exacting business, his affections were warm and his impulses glowed with the light of spontaneous kindness. If his numerous and thoughtful charities were not measured by the even and sometimes icy hand of method, the sick were the recipients of generous donations, and the fading hours of many of his neighbors were cheered and brightened by his kind and substantial remembrance.

If, in his business life, he was swift to reap the fruits of his own sagacity and liberal in the interpretation to his own advantage of any ambiguous conditions of a contract, he is still seen as an apt pupil in the business methods of his time, and in the disciplines of his life he finds many

precedents. And if in the supreme passage of his life, when he beheld his fortune, the fruit of continued toil and ceaseless activity, fleeing from his grasp, when accumulating trials met him at every hand and the removal of embarrassment was the open door to disaster, if, in an hour of frenzy he overstepped the formulated rules of law and order, charity proffers the suggestion that he struggled for supremacy in a business once his own, and fought for a kingdom when exile, as time has proved, was the alternative of defeat.

He md. Dec. 16, 1849, Sarah W. Handley, dau. of Nathan Handley, *q. v.* Only one of their four children is living.

- 80 I. *Herbert H.*, b. Nov. 29, 1858; md. Jan. 31, 1884, Carrie W. Sessions. He d. Aug. 29, 1885.
- 81 II. *Edward G.*, b. Dec. 30, 1861; resides in Ashburnham.
- 82 III. *Waldo*, b. Feb. 24, 1869; d. same day.
- 83 IV. *Willie* (twin), b. Feb. 24, 1869; d. same day.

1 ANDREW WINTER, a German, with wife Mary and two children settled in this town in 1758. The name is written Windrow in the earlier records. He d. Nov. 22, 1792, aged 70; his widow d. March 14, 1814, aged 91.

- 2 I. *Philip*, b. March 22, 1754; d., in the army, 1776.
- 3 II. *John*, b. March 1, 1756. +
- 4 III. *Jacob*, b. Oct. 21, 1758; he was in Capt. Wilder's company in the siege of Boston 1775, and d. a prisoner at Halifax in Nov., 1777.
- 5 IV. *Andrew*, b. March 28, 1761. +
- 6 V. *Mary*, b. Aug. 24, 1763.
- 7 VI. *Margaret*, b. April 19, 1766.
- 8 VII. *Catherine*, b. July 19, 1769; md. June 22, 1792, William Carr of Westminster, Vt.

(3) JOHN WINTER md. Nov. 10, 1781, Phebe Wright of Lancaster. He served three years in the Revolution. He was a farmer in this town where he d. June 19, 1811; she md. (2d) Levi Maynard, *q. v.*; md. (3d) Benjamin Hawks. She d. Dec. 27, 1847, aged 84.

- 9 I. *John*, b. June 18, 1783.
- 10 II. *Ruth*, b. April 11, 1785; md. William Broughton, son of Wait Broughton, *q. v.*

(5) ANDREW WINTER, JR., was in the army in 1780, and was subsequently a farmer in this town. In 1792 his

farm was annexed to Ashby. He md.. May 6, 1785, Abigail Lewis. Five children were born in this town and one in Ashby.

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| 11 | i. <i>Jacob</i> , b. Feb. 10, 1786. |
| 12 | ii. <i>Jonas</i> , b. Sept. 21, 1787. |
| 13 | iii. <i>Levi</i> , b. March 30, 1789. |
| 14 | iv. <i>Asa</i> , b. Sept. 4, 1791; d. March 2, 1793. |
| 15 | v. <i>Amos</i> , b. June 24, 1793. |
| 16 | vi. <i>Asa</i> , b. June 3, 1795. |

WOOD.

There have been several families of Wood in this town and very few ties of kinship are found among them. The first of the name in Ashburnham were the brothers Timothy and Ebenezer Wood who were grandsons of Jeremiah Wood of Stow and Littleton. They did not remain here many years, but both were among the men from this town who responded to the alarm at Lexington and one of them remained in the service until the close of the year.

Jonathan Wood, a later arrival, was from Rindge. Among his ancestors were Michael Wood of Lunenburg. Michael Wood of Concord, son of William Wood, the emigrant ancestor of one family of Wood in this country.

Nathan and his son, Nahum Wood, are also descendants of William Wood of Concord. Michael Wood, the only son of William Wood, the emigrant ancestor, d. in Concord May 13, 1674. Abraham Wood, son of Michael, settled in Sudbury. His youngest son was Dea. Nathan Wood, b. March 24, 1723; md. May 2, 1750, Rebecca Haynes. After a brief residence in Stow he removed in 1756 to Westminster, where he d. June 17, 1777. His fifteen children were living at his decease. Nathan Wood, son of Nathan, was b. in Stow Nov. 7, 1752, and was nearly four years of age when his parents removed to Westminster. He md. Polly Cowee and (2d) Margaret Hadley; d. Jan. 1, 1841. Nathan Wood of Ashburnham was a son of Nathan and Margaret (Hadley) Wood.

Stephen Wood, who has resided in this town forty years, is a son of Joshua Wood of Hancock, N. H., who was a descendant of one branch of the Leominster families of Wood.

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| 1 | TIMOTHY WOOD, son of John and Lydia (Davis) Wood and grandson of Jeremiah and Dorothy Wood, was b. in Littleton July 29, 1749. He came to Ashburnham previous to 1770. He was taxed here 1771, and in 1775 he was a member of Capt. Davis' company of minute-men. About this time he removed to Rindge, where he lived about ten years when he removed to Harvard where he d. July 18, 1801. He md. in Ashburnham Nov. 20, 1770, Elizabeth Cheney, dau. of Dea. Tristram Cheney, g. v. She d. Sept. 10, 1796. Three children were baptized here. |
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| 2 | i. <i>John</i> , b. March 24, 1772. |
| 3 | ii. <i>Betsey</i> , b. June 7, 1777. |

- 4 III. *Susanna*, b. Sept. 2, 1779. This child was born
in Rindge and baptized in Ashburnham when
three days old.

5 EBENEZER WOOD, a brother of Timothy Wood, was b.
in Littleton Jan. 20, 1754. He removed to Ashburnham
previous to April, 1775, when his name appears on the
roll of Capt. Gates' company of minute-men. He served
the remainder of the year in the siege of Boston in Capt.
Wilder's company. He md. April 7, 1776, Phebe Brooks,
and they united with the church in Ashburnham 1777.
The third child was baptized here Sept. 24, 1780, and
about that date the family removed to Washington,
N. H.; he d. Dec. 28, 1840; she d. Jan. 2, 1844.

- 6 I. *Lydia*, b. April 9, 1777.
7 II. *Ebenezer*, b. Sept. 25, 1778.
8 III. *Jonas Davis*, b. Sept. 13, 1780.
9 IV. *Asa*, b. July 18, 1782.
10 V. *Mary*, b. 1784; d. 1784.
11 VI. *Phebe*, b. May 4, 1787.
12 VII. *Sophia*, b. Dec. 27, 1788.
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13 JONATHAN WOOD, son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Hart-
well) Wood of Rindge, grandson of Michael and Mary
(Platts) Wood of Lunenburg, was b. in Rindge April
17, 1773. He md. April 10, 1799, Dolly Jones, dau. of
Enos Jones, *q. v.*, and settled in the north part of this
town. His wife d. Jan. 8, 1818; he md. (2d) Dec. 21,
1820, Sarah (Lake) Robinson, widow of Ezra Robinson
and dau. of Henry and Prudence Lake of Rindge. He
d. Sept. 1, 1825 (*vide* page 546). She md. (3d) Amos
Stearns; md. (4th) May 19, 1842, Josiah Hartwell of
Fitchburg. There were ten children by the first and two
by the second marriage.

- 14 I. *Zulina*, b. Nov. 30, 1799; md. 1823, Asa Dunn
of Fitchburg.
15 II. *Laura*, b. June 20, 1801; md. April 22, 1823, John
Vose of Leominster.
16 III. *Dolly*, b. Feb. 3, 1803; md. April 8, 1823,
Zachariah Parker, Jr., of New Ipswich.
17 IV. *Elnathan*, b. Sept. 20, 1804; d. July 29, 1829.
18 V. *George*, b. Sept. 29, 1806; md. Sept. 16, 1827,
Luana Lawrence.
19 VI. *Betsey*, b. June 25, 1808; md. Feb. 6, 1827,
Luther Perkins of Weathersfield, Vt.
20 VII. *Zoa*, b. Jan. 24, 1810; d. Sept. 7, 1822.

- 21 viii. *Lurena*, b. Dec. 12, 1812; md. Jan. 16, 1831, Freeman Walcott.
- 22 ix. *Hartwell*, b. Oct. 27, 1815; md. 1841, Laura Snell. She d. Jan. 1, 1843; he d. July 26, 1846.
- 23 x. *Jonas J.*, b. Jan. 1, 1818; md. 1852, Lucy Wood of Mason, N. H. She d. Nov. 4, 1853; md. (2d) 1854, Lydia Parker of Lawrence, who d. Aug. 12, 1859. He removed 1860 to Winchendon, where he d. Oct. 13, 1863.
- 24 xi. *Eunice K.*, b. March 22, 1824; md. George P. Ward, son of Alvan Ward, *q. v.*
- 25 xii. *Eliphalet S.*, b. Feb. 2, 1825.†

(25) ELIPHALET S. WOOD resided in this town until 1866, when he removed to Winchendon. He has been constable many years and an overseer of the poor, and a deputy-sheriff since 1870. From 1866 to 1886 he was express agent at Winchendon. He md. Sept. 20, 1846, Susan H. Farrar, dau. of John Farrar, *q. v.*

- 26 i. *Ella Modina*, b. Sept. 23, 1847; md. May 20, 1876, John E. Wakefield; reside in Worcester.
- 27 ii. *Frank A.*, b. May 9, 1850; d. March 2, 1851.
- 28 iii. *George Farrar*, b. Aug. 21, 1851; md. Aug. 25, 1874, Alice H. Merrill, dau. of E. S. Merrill, Esq. He is a dealer in furniture in Winchendon.
- 29 iv. *Calla A.*, b. July 30, 1855; md Jan. 20, 1876, John W. Beaman, son of William Beaman of Winchendon.
- 30 v. *Oliver B.*, b. Feb. 7, 1857; md. Oct. 19, 1882, Jennie C. Flagg; resides in Worcester.
- 31 vi. *Walter L.*, b. Oct. 17, 1859; d. June 25, 1864.
- 32 vii. *Ernest Freeman*, b. June 18, 1863; is express agent at Winchendon.
- 33 viii. *Cora Etta*, b. April 4, 1867.

34 NATHAN WOOD, son of Nathan Wood of Westminster, b. Feb. 16, 1802, md. May 17, 1827, Maria Barrell, dau. of William and Deborah (Chittenden) Barrell, *q. v.* In 1835 he removed to this town. He resided in the house in Central Village formerly of Capt. David Cushing, and now of his son Nahum Wood. After a brief residence here he d. Nov. 25, 1836.

- 35 i. *Nahum*, b. Dec. 14, 1827; md. Sept. 28, 1852, Dorothy M. Clark, dau. of Levi Clark, *q. v.* He is a farmer in this town.

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| 36 | II. <i>Lucy M.</i> , b. Jan. 23, 1830; md. Charles E. Locke,
q. v. |
| 37 | III. <i>Arvilla</i> , b. Feb. 16, 1834; d. unmd. Sept. 8, 1854. |
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| 38 | STEPHEN WOOD, b. in Hancock, N. H., Dec. 16, 1818, came to this town 1846. He was a farmer. He md. Dec. 12, 1848, Mary Ward, dau. of Nathaniel D. Ward, q. v. He d. Sept. 29, 1886. |
| 39 | I. <i>Charles S.</i> , b. Feb. 24, 1855; md. Sept. 20, 1881, Hattie F. Barrell, dau. of Joseph Benson Barrell, q. v. |
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| 40 | MARSHALL P. WOOD, b. in Rindge Nov. 19, 1837, son of Addison M. and Ann (Plummer) Wood, md. 1861, Julia A. Hunt, b. July 1, 1839, dau. of Joshua and Lucia (Todd) Hunt. He served three years in the Ninth New Hampshire Volunteers, and removed to this town soon after his discharge from an honorable service. |
| 41 | I. <i>Willie M.</i> , b. 1868; d. June 9, 1884. |
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WOODS.

SAMUEL WOODS, b. in England 1686, came to this country soon after the year 1700. He settled in Chelmsford, where he md. 1717, Mary Parker, dau. of John Parker. He owned a farm and was taxed in Chelmsford from 1720 to 1743. He d., leaving one son and two daughters, in 1763.

Samuel Woods, son of Samuel, was b. in Chelmsford June 19, 1722; resided in Rutland some years and removed to Princeton in 1761. He purchased of Moses Gill a tract of land, where he built his house and where he resided until his death. He was an intelligent, enterprising citizen, and frequently employed in town affairs. In his house he taught the first school in Princeton. Subsequently he taught many terms of school and acquired the reputation of a skilful and successful teacher. The measure of his character and intellect has been reflected in the inheritance of his sons, and probably their scholarly attainments were reared on the solid foundation of his instruction. He md. Tabitha Eveleth, b. April 4, 1731, by whom he had ten children. She d. Oct. 22, 1770; he md. (2d) 1772, Abigail (Whitney) Underwood, b. March 13, 1741, widow of Israel Underwood; she d. Jan. 31, 1826. By this marriage there were five children. He d. Nov. 18, 1808.

Of the children of Samuel and Tabitha Woods, Lydia, b. Aug. 4, 1759, was the wife of Daniel Gibbs, q. v.; Anna, b. June 30, 1761, was the wife of Capt. Charles Hastings, q. v.; Sarah, b. July 6, 1763, was the wife of Col. Joseph Jewett, q. v.; John, b. Dec. 24, 1768, is No. 1 in the following register. Asa Woods, son of Samuel and Abigail Woods, b. April 30, 1776, is No. 15 in the following register. Hannah, another child of the second wife, b. May 13, 1778, md. Nahum Wilder, q. v., and Mary, b. Feb. 15, 1783, md. Thomas Wilder, q. v.

Rev. Dr. Leonard Woods, b. June 19, 1774, md. Oct. 8, 1799, Abigail Wheeler of Worcester, and was the eminent Professor of Theology and an important factor in the foundation of the Andover Theological Seminary. Among his children was Samuel Woods, No. 33 in the following register.

Another son of Samuel Woods by first marriage was Rev. Abel Woods, b. Aug. 15, 1765. He was not immediately associated with the people of Ashburnham, and yet, through his many relatives, his name is familiar to them, and no notice of this distinguished family would be complete without mention of a useful life. He was a Baptist clergyman of marked ability in Shoreham, Vt. He d. in Hamilton, N. Y., Aug. 11, 1850. Of his venerable son, Rev. Alva Woods, D. D., who is living at Providence, R. I., a recent publication, "Providence Plantations," contains a portrait and the following notice:

"The Rev. Alva Woods, D. D., the oldest surviving professor of Brown University, was b. in Shoreham, Vt., Aug. 13, 1794. He was graduated at Harvard College in 1817, and at the Andover Theological Seminary in 1821. He served as professor of mathematics and natural philosophy in the Columbian University, Washington, D. C., and in Brown University, aggregating seven years. He served as president and professor of moral and intellectual philosophy in the State University of Kentucky, Lexington, and in the University of the State of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, aggregating ten years. His son, Marshall Woods, is a trustee of Brown University, and for some sixteen years rendered very important services to the college as its treasurer. His grandson, John Carter Brown Woods, is also a trustee of the same institution. In his various relations with Brown University as a professor, as president *pro tempore*, as a trustee, and as a fellow, the Rev. Dr. Alva Woods has been connected with this university nearly fifty years."

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| 1 | JOHN WOODS, son of Samuel and Tabitha Woods, b. in Princeton Dec. 24, 1768. He was in the employ of Col. Jewett in farming and in the manufacture of potash several years and subsequently was a farmer living on the old road to Winchendon. He md. July 5, 1792, Betsey Petts, who d. Dec. 4, 1824; md. (2d) Sept. 5, 1826, Mrs. Eunice Whitney of Cambridge who d. Nov. 8, 1827; md. (3d) June 1, 1831, Mrs. Rebecca Draper of Ware. In old age he removed to Crown Point, N. Y., where he d. June 25, 1863, aged 94; another record says 1869. |
| 2 | i. <i>Abel</i> , b. Dec. 20, 1792. |
| 3 | ii. <i>Betsey</i> , b. Nov. 13, 1794. |
| 4 | iii. <i>Dolly S.</i> , b. Dec. 25, 1796. |
| 5 | iv. <i>John</i> , b. June 12, 1799; d. at Savannah, Ga., Sept. 15, 1820. |
| 6 | v. <i>Melissa</i> , b. June 4, 1801. |
| 7 | vi. <i>Sarah</i> , b. June 19, 1803. |
| 8 | vii. <i>Asa G.</i> , b. Sept. 28, 1805; d. unmd June 3, 1867. |
| 9 | viii. <i>Mary J.</i> , b. July 24, 1807; md. Henry Kibling, <i>q. v.</i> |
| 10 | ix. <i>Samuel</i> , b. Aug. 8, 1809; d. May 27, 1810. |
| 11 | x. <i>Infant</i> , b. —; d. June 15, 1811. |
| 12 | xi. <i>Samuel</i> , b. July 27, 1812. |
| 13 | xii. <i>Betsy B.</i> , b. Aug. 7, 1817. |
| 14 | xiii. <i>John Stillman</i> , b. Aug. 2, 1827; md. March 21, 1874, Martha Jane Hastings, dau. of John Hastings, <i>q. v.</i> She d. April 17, 1885. |

- 15 ASA WOODS, son of Samuel and Abigail Woods, was b. in Princeton April 30, 1776. He was a farmer in the east part of the town. He was a prominent citizen and was frequently chosen to office. He md. in Princeton April 16, 1799, *Permelia* Mirick, b. Sept. 19, 1776, dau. of James and Dorothy (Fairbanks) Mirick. With three children they removed to this town in 1804 or early in 1805. His wife d. Sept. 12, 1814; md. 1815, *Rebecca Wallis* (Wilker register) who d. Aug. 4, 1826; md. (3d) Jan. 18, 1827, *Susan Wallis*, a sister of second wife; she d. April 30, 1827; md. (4th) Mrs. *Peggy* (Russell) Adams, widow of Ebenezer Adams, *q. v.* He d. April, 28, 1844; she d. March 29, 1865.
- 16 I. *Leonard*, b. March 25, 1800.
- 17 II. *William*, b. Feb. 14, 1802.
- 18 III. *Adoline*, b. March 25, 1804; md. *Joseph B. Hastings*, *q. v.*
- 19 IV. *Darwin*, b. April 19, 1807. +
- 20 V. *Mary*, b. March 30, 1809; d. Feb. 17, 1827.
- 21 VI. *Permelia*, b. June 14, 1811.
- 22 VII. *Dorothy*, b. July 30, 1813.
- 23 VIII. *Levi Wallis*, b. May 31, 1816.
- 24 IX. *Joseph B.*, b. May 25, 1819; md. *Mercy Elizabeth Fairbanks*, dau. of *Jacob Fairbanks*, *q. v.*
- 25 X. *Betsey Sarah*, b. April 17, 1822.
- 26 XI. *Lysander Lowe*, b. Dec. 28, 1824; d. Sept. 7, 1825.
- 27 XII. *Lysander*, b. July 27; d. Sept. 26, 1826.
- 28 XIII. *Charles*, b. July 28, 1829.
- 29 XIV. *Catherine*, b. May 23, 1831; md. 1848, *Julius C. Aldrich* of *Winchendon*; md. (2d) *Silas H. Fairbanks*, *q. v.*; md. (3d) *George Howard*, *q. v.*

(19) DARWIN WOODS md. 1828, *Dolly G. Adams*, dau. of *Ensign John Adams*, *q. v.*; she d. Feb. 22, 1842; md. (2d) April 9, 1844, *Julia King*, widow of *Hiram N. King*. He d. July 24, 1872. *Hiram N. King* d. in this town Oct. 19, 1840, leaving daughters: *Julia Frances*, b. April 24, 1834, md. — *Woodward* of *Lowell*; *Mary Amanda*, b. March 31, 1841. Of *Darwin* and *Dolly Woods* there were three children.

- 30 I. *Mary A.*, b. Sept. 13, 1829; d. June 15, 1881.
- 31 II. *Cinderilla*, b. July 19, 1831; md. Oct. 10, 1867, *F. A. Burnap*; residence *Jersey City, N. J.*
- 32 III. *Edwin*, b. March 13, 1834; resides in *Leominster*.

- 33 **SAMUEL WOODS**, eldest son of Rev. Leonard Woods, D. D., was b. in West Newbury Oct. 26, 1800. He was a student some years at Phillips Academy, and at fifteen years of age he came to Ashburnham and during his minority was a clerk in the "Jewett Store." He attended the winter terms of the public schools of this town and one term at New Ipswich Academy. In 1824 he formed a partnership with Gen. Ivers Jewett. They soon became proprietors of a store and cotton mill in Fitchburg and the mill at Factory Village. In 1828 the partnership was dissolved. By a division of the property and repurchase of the store in this town, which had been sold to Samuel Barrett, Mr. Woods acquired possession of the store and the mill at Factory Village. In the succeeding years he was associated in business with George H. Lowe, Samuel S. Stevens and others. In 1843 he removed to Ashby, and in 1857 to Malden. During the last years of his life he lived with his son, Dr. Leonard Woods, in Pittsford, Vt. While a resident of this town and through life he was an earnest advocate of temperance, and every reform of his time found in him a firm and willing support. He was a man of unflinching integrity, and his impulses were pure and philanthropic. He md. May 4, 1825, Mary H. Lowe, dau. of Dr. Abraham Lowe, *q. v.*; she d. Dec. 23, 1838; md. (2d) Sept. 5, 1839, Mary Caldwell, dau. of John Caldwell, *q. v.*; she d. Aug. 18, 1873; he d. in Pittsford, Vt., Nov. 27, 1884.
- 34 i. *Samuel Hale*, b. July 15, 1827; md. March 18, 1857, Julia A. Carsley. He was an apothecary in Boston, living in Malden, where he d. March 6, 1869.
- 35 ii. *Joseph Wheeler*, b. July 17, 1829; md. Sept. 1, 1858, Caroline F. Fitz of Ipswich. He is a merchant in Boston; residence Boston.
- 36 iii. *Mary Greenleaf*, b. Aug. 31, 1831; she d. in Gambier, Ohio, July 12, 1854.
- 37 iv. *Abbie Wheeler*, b. Nov. 7, 1834; md. Jan. 5, 1869, Rev. Frederick A. Fiske, pastor of Congregational church in Ashburnham 1851-4, *vide* page 274; he d. Dec. 15, 1878; she resides in Boston with her brother, Joseph W. Woods.
- 38 v. *Leonard*, b. July 5, 1840; a physician, *vide* page 516; md. April 13, 1868, Mary E. Thompson of Waltham. He d. Dec. 12, 1884.
- 39 vi. *Frederick Caldwell*, b. Jan. 23, 1848; d. Sept. 3, 1849.

- 1 JOHN G. WOODWARD, son of John and Mary (Ward) Woodward, was b. in Westminster. *Vide* register of John Ward family. He is a farmer residing on the farm formerly of John Ward, and has served the town as assessor and selectman. He is justly held in high esteem by his townsmen. He md. Nov. 24, 1835, Mary Ward, dau. of John Ward, *q. v.*
- 2 I. *John*, b. 1840; d. Aug. 10, 1842.
- 3 II. *Charles Edward*, b. April 23, 1842; md. Oct. 2, 1864, Flora E. Ward, dau. of Isaac D. Ward, *q. v.*; she d. Nov. 3, 1867; md. (2d) 1872, Susan Augusta Fairbanks, dau. of Emory Fairbanks, *q. v.* He was a member of the school committee several years and a deacon of the Congregational church. In 1885 he removed to Leominster.
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- 1 JAMES L. WORCESTER, son of Ai Worcester, was b. in Grafton, Vt., July 27, 1821. He md. Jan. 18, 1844, Sarah Aldrich, b. in Richmond, N. H., Aug. 13, 1821. He removed to this town about 1848, and is a farmer at the South Village.
- 2 I. *Esther Elizabeth*, b. Jan. 30, 1846; md. Oct. 9, 1870, I. R. Wilson of Gardner.
- 3 II. *George Levi*, b. Aug. 18, 1849, a railroad conductor, residing in Fitchburg; md. May 17, 1883, Carrie Williams.
- 4 III. *Ella Adalaide*, b. July 26, 1853; md. July 24, 1870, Charles A. Smith; resides in Winchendon.
- 5 IV. *Alfred Miller*, b. March 18, 1856; md. 1881, Etta Dunn; resides in Gardner.
- 6 V. *Sarah Jane*, b. April 28, 1858; md. Nov. 23, 1879, L. R. Hodgman; resides in Ashburnham.
- 7 VI. *Abbie Eugenia*, b. April 20, 1862.

WRIGHT.

Families of Wright were numerous at an early date in several towns in this vicinity, but the name seldom appears in the records of Ashburnham until a more recent date. Laban W. Wright is a descendant in the seventh generation of Dea. John Wright who with wife Priscilla is found in Charles-town in 1640. At that time he was one of the subscribers to the conditions or town orders for the settlement of Woburn, where he subsequently resided. He was a deacon of the church and a selectman many years. He d. June 21, 1688, aged 87. His wife d. April 10, 1687. John Wright, a son of Dea. John Wright, was b. 1630, probably in England. He md. Abigail Warren and was one of the first settlers of Chelmsford, where his nine children were born. He d. probably in Woburn, April 30, 1714, aged 84; his widow d. April 6, 1726, aged 84. John Wright, his son, b. in Chelmsford 1662, md.

Mary Stevens; md. (2d) about 1702, Hannah Fletcher. He d. Oct. 13, 1730. Among the children of John and Mary (Stevens) Wright was Henry Wright, b. 1700; md. Esther Adams, and about the date of his marriage the town of Westford which included his homestead was severed from Chelmsford. He was a selectmen and treasurer of Westford and for many years a deacon of the church. He d. April 13, 1771. Among his eleven children was Henry Wright, Jr., b. 1732. In 1770 he was one of the committee of arrangements for raising the new meeting-house in Westford, and his son Elijah was the first child baptized in it. He was town treasurer and during the Revolution one of the committee of correspondence. About 1780 he removed to Ashby where his descendants are numerous. He md. Jan., 1753, Sarah Spalding, who d. March 8, 1784; md. (2d) Mercy —, who d. Dec. 11, 1789; md. (3d) 1790, Hannah Bounton. He d. Oct. 12, 1806.

Abel Wright, son of Henry and Sarah (Spalding) Wright, b. in Westford April, 1770, came to Ashby in childhood; md. 1792, Sybel Howard, who d. Sept. 12, 1803; md. (2d) Aug., 1804, Zilpah Rice, dau. of Jonas Rice, *q. v.* He was a farmer in Ashby where he d. March 15, 1852; his widow d. Oct. 22, 1862. Among the children of Abel and Zilpah (Rice) Wright were Laban W. Wright of this town and Eliza, wife of Asabel Wheeler.

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| 1 | LABAN W. WRIGHT, son of Abel and Zilpah (Rice) Wright, was b. in Ashby Aug. 30, 1827. He md. March 15, 1854, Susan Adaline Sawin, dau. of Abram Sawin, <i>q. v.</i> He resided in Ashby until 1868, when he removed to the farm now of Alden B. Marble. In 1876 he removed to the William Ward farm. He is a successful farmer. |
| 2 | i. <i>Alfred Warren</i> , b. May 14, 1859; d. April 19, 1861. |
| 3 | ii. <i>Hattie Adella</i> , b. April 1, 1862; md. Sept. 15, 1881, Herbert D. Wellington, b. in Rindge Sept. 18, 1856, son of Joel and Harriet Elizabeth (Ramsdell) Wellington. They reside at East Rindge. |
| 4 | iii. <i>John Allison</i> , b. Jan. 28, 1866. |
| 5 | iv. <i>Charles Franklin</i> , b. Jan. 11, 1869. |
| 6 | v. <i>Mabel Josephine</i> , b. Sept. 26, 1872. |



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